

While the call of God is a call that is filled with wonder, the call of God is also a call that is filled with weeping.

Many shepherds will ruin my vineyard and trample down my field; they will turn my pleasant field into a desolate wasteland. It will be made a wasteland, parched and desolate before me; the whole land will be laid waste because there is no one who cares. Jeremiah 12:20–21

But if I say, “I will not remember Him or speak anymore in His name,” then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am weary of holding it in, and I cannot endure it. Jeremiah 20:9

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The Lord’s loving kindnesses indeed never ceases for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22–23

For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11–13

He was misunderstood by his own family, opposed by priests and prophets, shunned by a people for whom he prayed, and yet in Judah’s darkest hour Jeremiah became a weeping prophet for his people.

When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. Luke 19:41-42

For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation. Luke 19:43-44

If the call of God is a call to weep what does it reveal about us?

Weeping reveals the condition of our hearts for the people in our lives

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. Jeremiah 1:1-2

It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month. Jeremiah 1:3

Weeping allows our words to be His words for breaking down and building up

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:4-5

Then I said, “Alas, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, I am a youth, because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak. Jeremiah 1:6-7

“Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,” declares the Lord. Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. Jeremiah 1:8-9

See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. Jeremiah 1:10

The word of the Lord came to me saying, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” And I said, “I see a rod of an almond tree.” Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it.” Jeremiah 1:11-12

Weeping helps us to see what God sees

*The word of the Lord came to me a second time saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north." Then the Lord said to me, "Out of the north the evil will break forth on all the inhabitants of the land."
Jeremiah 1:13-14*

*Behold, I am calling all the families of the kingdoms of the north," declares the Lord; and they will come and they will set each one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls and against all the cities of Judah.
Jeremiah 1:15*

I will pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness, whereby they have forsaken Me and have offered sacrifices to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. Jeremiah 1:16

Now, gird up your loins and arise, and speak to them all which I command you. Do not be dismayed before them, or I will dismay you before them. Jeremiah 1:17

Now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to the people of the land. Jeremiah 1:18

*They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you," declares the Lord.
Jeremiah 1:19*