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Jeremiah 1:4-10

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 appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy," for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Reflection — To Each of Us

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Still speaking God, like so many others, I have said, "You can't be serious about asking me to speak or act for you." I have a hard enough time talking and doing everyday things much less the picking up, pulling down, building, and planting about which you spoke to an ancient prophet named Jeremiah.

But I guess you did use Jeremiah. And in this Advent season, we will hear stories of people like Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph — people who probably weren't a lot different from me. People who questioned why you were choosing to use them. So, I guess if you used them, you can use even me. Help me have the confidence to say, "I am called…" rather than saying , "But I am only…" Amen.

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