

Notes & Quotes – October 4, 2009

The Next Draft Pick: Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1

“Here is a very honest, very revealing book of the Bible. Rather than polite, superficial speech, everyone smiling, everyone positive, upbeat, happy, and content, Jeremiah provides us with a wonderful invitation to passionate, honest relationship with the God who has called our faith community to be a community not only of love and hope but also of truth and realism. This is at the heart of any true spiritual formation work.” – William Willamon

Jeremiah = Jehovah lifts up

- prophet to southern kingdom of Judah during last 4 kings before Judah's exile to Babylon
- he was a PK (priest-kid), hometown was Anathoth

Jeremiah by Michelangelo (Sistine Chapel ceiling)



Jeremiah by Rembrandt



God says...*Jeremiah, I pick you.*

Jeremiah says...*I think you dialed the wrong number.*

God says...*I've always had your number.*

Jeremiah says...*I think you dialed the wrong number.*

God says...*I'm getting ready to revolutionize, renovate, and reorient the whole world – and guess who's going to help me?*

“We are known before we know...no longer do we need to run here and there, panicked and anxious, searching for answers to life. Our lives are not puzzles to be figured out. Rather, we come to God, who knows us and reveals to us the truths of our lives. The fundamental mistake is to begin with ourselves and not God. God is the center from which all life develops. If we use our ego as the center from which to plot the geometry of our lives, we will live eccentrically.”

– Eugene Peterson

“Fear not provided you fear; but if you fear not, then fear.” – Blaise Pascal

almond = *shaqed* (Hebrew)

watching = *shoqed* (Hebrew)

almond tree = the word

boiling pot = the world

“I believe in getting into hot water, it keeps you clean.” – G.K. Chesterton