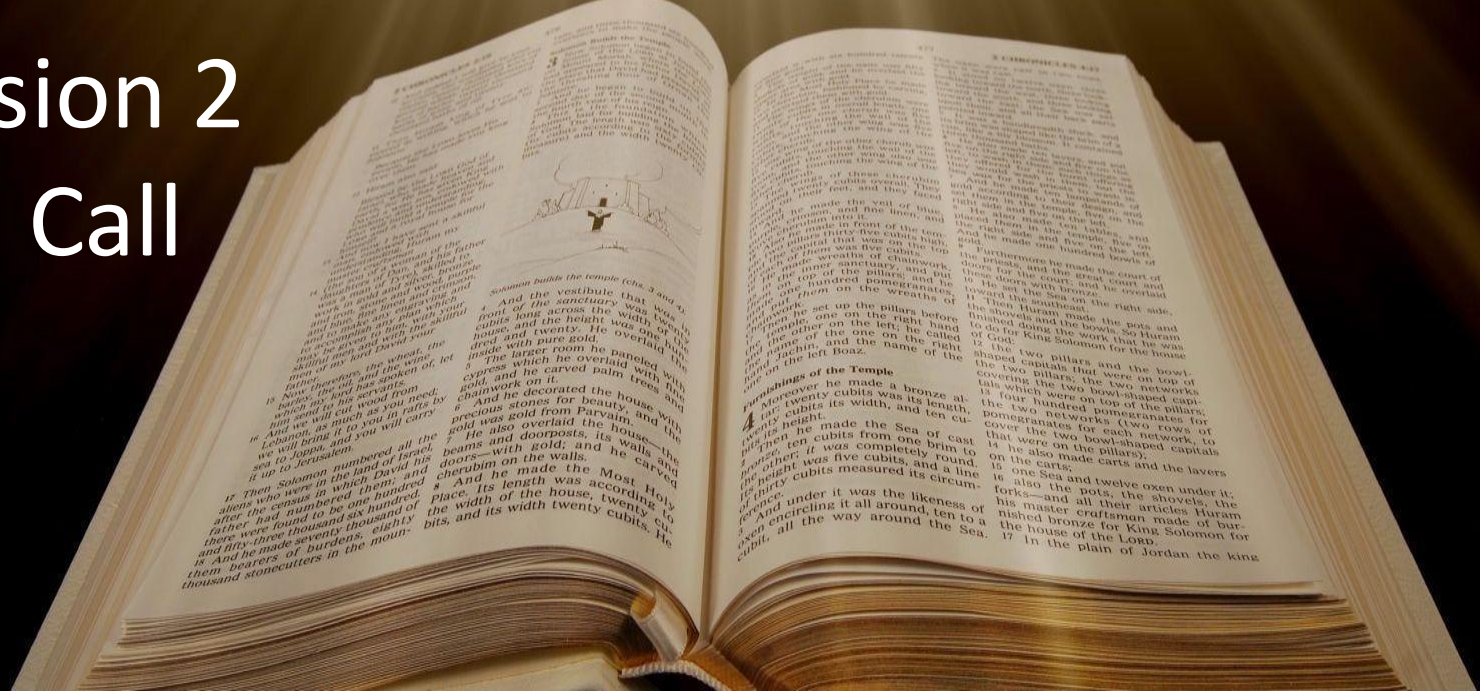


# Preacher, Preparation, Presentation

## A class on making and preaching sermons

### Session 2 The Call



# The Call to Preach

- Not for everyone
- Some have it and...
- Some may serve in other capacities...

# The Call in Scripture:

Jeremiah:

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” 1:5



# JEREMIAH

THE WEEPING PROPHET

STANDING FOR GOD IN POST-CHRISTIAN TIMES

# The Call in Scripture:

Jeremiah:

Samuel:



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“The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.” 1 Samuel 3:21

# The Call in Scripture:

Jeremiah:

Samuel:

Isaiah:



“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8



# The Call in Scripture:

Jeremiah:

Samuel:

Isaiah:

Ezekiel:

“Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me;... The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says....’”

Ezekiel 2:3, 4



# EZEKIEL: THE LORD'S WATCHMAN

# The Call in Scripture:

Jeremiah:

Samuel:

Isaiah:

Ezekiel:

Hosea:

“The word of the Lord that came to Hosea, son of Beeri during the reigns of Uzziah, Jothan, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah....

Hosea 1:1

A man with a beard and a yellow head covering is embracing a woman with long dark hair. They are both wearing greenish-brown robes. The background shows a desert landscape with some stone structures under a clear blue sky.

# HOSEA 1

The Prophet  
*and the prostitute*



# The Call in Scripture:

Jeremiah:

Samuel:

Isaiah:

Ezekiel:

Hosea:

Jonah:

“The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: ‘Go to the great city of Ninevah and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.’” Jonah 1:1



# The Call in Scripture:

Jeremiah:      Elisha:

Samuel:

Isaiah:

Ezekiel:

Hosea:

Jonah:

“Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.”

1 Kings 19:19



# The Call in Scripture:

Jeremiah:

Elisha:

Samuel:

John the Baptist

Isaiah:

Ezekiel:

Hosea:

Jonah:





“And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:17

# The Call in Scripture:

Jeremiah:

Elisha:

Samuel:

John the Baptist:

Isaiah:

Paul:

Ezekiel:

Hosea:

Jonah:



# Acts 9

What is your call like?



“The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails—given by one shepherd. Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making of books there is no end, and much study wearies the body.”

Ecclesiastes 12:11, 12

# What is your call like?

- child, “I want to do that”
- invitation, “It feels right”
- A burden
- “Try it, and see”

Inner and Outer Call

Bible, Bearings, Burden