

## LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 1 WEEK 4

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### POWER UNLIMITED – BIG GOD

#### Faith for the Impossible

#### Ice-Breaker

What is your normal response or reaction when you are challenged to do something you've never done before?

#### Worship

See worship booklet.

#### Word and Discussion

##### *Transforming Encounter with a Big God – The Story of Jeremiah*

*The word of the LORD came to me [Jeremiah], saying, "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." "Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.*

Jeremiah 1:4-8 (NIV)

Mostly, as with Jeremiah, God does not call us to do things we can naturally do, but to do that which can only be accomplished by His supernatural strength.

Naturally, we may feel small and powerless when facing such a daunting task. God, however, calls us to put our faith in Him. Faith assures us that He will not place us where His powerful grace cannot sustain us. Likewise, for Jeremiah to be 'a voice of change' in his generation, he had to place his faith in the Source of grace (divine ability) – God and His powerful word.

#### Discussion

- What was Jeremiah's response to God's word to him? What excuses did He give to convince God otherwise?
- What excuses do people use today when God invites them to do something bigger than themselves?
- In the light of Jeremiah's experience with God, what self-imposed limitations do you often face when you sense God is challenging you to do something bigger than yourself?

God has so much in store for us as His beloved children. The question is, do we have faith in God, our Source? God works by faith.

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

In Mark 11:22-23 (NIV) Jesus says, “*Have faith in God ... I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.*”

We need to increase our faith because without it our personal connection with the Lord can't grow.

## **Conclusion**

Ways to grow in faith;

- Consistently read your Bible – Romans 10:17
- Pray continually – 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Be grateful in all circumstances – 1 Thessalonians 5:16; Philippians 4:4-6
- Be involved in a Life Group.
- Share your testimony.

## **Prayer Focus**

### Personal Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to remove any self-imposed limitations over your life.
- Invite God to increase the capacity of your faith so that you can experience more of His life-changing power flowing through you.

### Corporate Prayer

- Pray that the people who are attending the discipleship course will experience a personal encounter with the Lord.