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Sunday School Lessons

Unit Two

"Calling of Prophets"

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We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

During the Summer quarter we are exploring "The Call." The lessons focus on God calling individuals to do certain work or to take on certain vocations. The quarter is entitled **Faith in Action: Healing and Heeding The Call**. During this quarter we discover that the calling God gives each person is distinct, however, God's calling of individuals into service has a recognizable pattern that reveals much about the nature of that call. This quarter we see God's call as intrusion into our lives. Unit Two is entitled "Calling Of Prophets."

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Each of us has some aspect of our lives that might convince us that we have nothing to give others. How do we overcome these perceived shortcomings? Jeremiah's response was based on God's promise to be with the prophet as he carried out his calling.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To investigate the story of Jeremiah's call and recount the details of the promises God made to Jeremiah.
- ✓ To identify feelings of personal inadequacy.
- ✓ To respond to a call from God despite feelings of personal inadequacy.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Take on a small challenge that is outside of your comfort zone this week. Perhaps you will volunteer to pray at the opening of a meeting, if praying aloud is difficult for you.
- Compare the excuses that Moses (Exodus 3-4) and Jeremiah give for not wanting to respond to God's call. What common themes do you notice?
- Help someone, perhaps a younger Christian, who feels that he or she has nothing useful to offer to the church to recognize that God calls a wide variety of people. Tell the story of the young Jeremiah being used mightily by God during a very difficult time in Israelite history.



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