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## APRIL 2024 Ministry Update

*"Giving a Message of Hope & Healing to a Broken World"*

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**THE  
DEPTH OF  
"BEFORE"**

**GOD  
QUALIFIES  
THE UN-  
QUALIFIED.**

### THE DEPTH OF "BEFORE"

Overcoming the past, choosing not to dwell on the past, and moving beyond yesterday presents challenges for all our lives. Let's look at this through a different prism. The phrase, "the depth of 'before'" posits the idea that **My PAST IS NOT SO MUCH WHAT I HAVE ACHIEVED OR FAILED TO ACHIEVE AS IT IS WHAT GOD HAS DESIGNED FOR MY LIFE!**

On the negative side --- the past can stretch out over our lives as a black cloud of guilt and failure. Guilt and failure can torment our spirit so that we do not think we are worthy to be favored or blessed by the hand of God.

On the positive side --- the past can bog us down when we become stuck in the mediocrity of doing only enough to get by.

This may be the reason Paul said to truly be effective we must in some sense **“forget those things which are behind and press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”** (Philippians 3:13-14)

We must understand the power that our past has in our lives. That is why I choose to phrase it as ... “The Depth of Before”. Because, more than our accomplishments and more than our failures, the thing that reveals who we are is found in that which is richer and deeper than that seen on the surface of the past.

The prophet Jeremiah shows us how to see life from the depth of “before.”

Jeremiah 1:5 (NAB)

**Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.**

Three Things that SPEAK to each life.

## **GOD KNEW ME BEFORE I KNEW HIM!!**

**“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you”** --- Before Jeremiah knew God, God knew Jeremiah. The mistake so many make in life is when we start with ourselves and not with God. Think about it! Before you came into this world the world has been in existence for thousands of years. Before you came into this world your family line and its subsequent gene pool had been there for ages past. Rich histories have already been lived out in your family line before you ever came on the scene. You came into a world you did not create. With parents you did not pick. With relatives you did not select. In a climate, place and culture you did not have a say in. You did not choose your gender, your skin color, your hair color. You did not have a choice on so many things.

So, who did? God, that’s who! If you are ever going to really understand who you are, you must realize that you are arriving in the middle of a grand story that is being written by God himself.

My identity does not begin when I understand myself. God has already charted my story before I ever breathed one breath.

Look at Jeremiah. Jeremiah’s life did not start with Jeremiah. Jeremiah’s salvation did not start with Jeremiah. Jeremiah’s identity did not start with Jeremiah! He entered a world in which the essential part of his history was already framed out!

Our identity is not the diplomas or degrees on our walls. It’s not the trophies on our mantel piece. It’s not entries of our name in the various who’s who lists. Instead, our identity should be founded deeper in a depth that goes below the roots of the mountains and that reaches beyond the stars in the sky!

## **GOD QUALIFIED ME BEFORE I QUALIFIED.**

**“Before you were born, I dedicated you”** – Jeremiah was dedicated for a task in the purposes of God. He was literally set-apart unto God. To be set apart means that Jeremiah was placed on God’s side of life.

You see we live in a world that could be considered a battle zone. In this battle, God is saving, God is rescuing, God is blessing, God is healing, God is making provision, and God is protecting!

And the question may be, why is He doing these things? Because there is another side opposite of God ...

- There is Evil
- There is Sorrow
- There is Disease
- There is Ignorance
- There is Brutality
- There is Pain

And God is in an intense battle against this side of life. God is for life and against death. God is for love and against hate. God is for hope and against despair. God is for heaven and against hell.

There is no neutral ground in this battle! Every square inch is contested ground with the question always being, **WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON? Yes**, you are to be a soldier in this battle! Just as Jeremiah was recruited, enlisted and ranked in this holy cause before he was ever born and so are you. **So**, you can either take up the life to which you have been consecrated and dedicated to or you can defect. **But**, what you cannot do is stand on the sidelines and say, **“Wait I am not ready yet.”**

Please hear this word! Ephesians 1:3-6 (NKJV)

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.**

## **GOD MADE ME A GIFT TO BE A GIVER!**

**“A prophet to the nations I appointed you.”** The word appointed literally means **to give as a gift**. God gave Jeremiah as a gift to the world. In a real sense God is giving everyone made in his image as a gift. God is a giving God. He has created his world to be a giving world.

When we live a life of getting, we will always be trying to go against a fundamental law of the universe He has created. It is like trying to go against the law of gravity, we only end up with a bunch of broken bones and bruises.

Listen to Paul’s testimony in Galatians 1:15-16 (NJB) **“[God] set me apart from the time when I was in my mother's womb, called me through his grace and chose to reveal his Son in me, so that I should preach him to the gentiles.”**

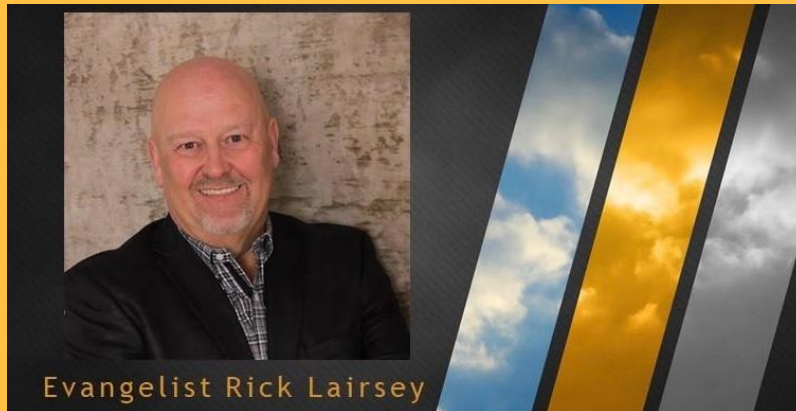
**We are to be HIS HANDS and HIS FEET. We are to be given to this world as His instruments to testify of Jesus and express that He is the ONLY way, truth, and life.**

**So, the message in the “DEPTH OF BEFORE” is ...**

**God Knew ME Before I knew HIM!**

God Qualified ME Before I was QUALIFIED!  
God Made ME a GIFT to be a GIVER!

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The Fires of  
Revival are Blazing!



## March 2024 Highlights

33 SAVED/RESTORED!

21 Holy Ghost Baptisms

12 Answered Call to Ministry

Mighty Revival in Newburg, Indiana @ New Day Fellowship with 7 Saved/Restored and 9 Holy Ghost Baptisms

Great Meeting @ Meadowood COG in Richmond, Virginia with 7 Saved/Restored and 3 Holy Ghost Baptisms

Several Testimonies of Healing and Breakthrough!

# TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!

**April-May 2024 Ministry Dates**

- April 4 & 11 @ Adult Teen Challenge, Seaford, DE (Director Bob Carey)
- April 12 - 17 @ Ministering in California
- April 21 @ Humberlea COG, Toronto, Canada (Pastor Kevin GLAGAU)
- April 26 - 28 @ Berryton COG, Summerville, GA (Pastor Jason Lee)
- May 5 - 8 @ Prairie View COG, Beulah, North Dakota (Pastor Brian Fillbeck)
- May 10 - 12 @ The Refuge COG, Bismarck, North Dakota (Pastor Corey Fifer)
- May 18 - 19 @ RiverLife Fellowship, Slidell, Louisiana (Pastor Mike Lairsey)
- May 20 - 22 @ Dyersburg COG, Dyersburg, Tennessee (Pastor Joe Ballenger)
- May 26 @ Sampson City COG, Starke, Florida (Pastor Gene Bass)

**REVIVAL FIRES ARE BURNING!**



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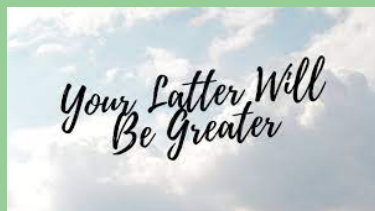
**I Have the following dates available:**

- April 7
- June 2
- June 9
- June 30

**Booking 2024 Dates**



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