



“Then I said, “Ah, LORD God! Behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child.” Jeremiah 1:6

What does age matter when God is speaking!? What does age matter when God is evidently acting on your behalf? What does age matter when you are a vessel that is obedient to the voice of the Spirit? The child Samuel heard God’s voice and obeyed and thus began a long ministry as one of the great Old Testament prophets. The young boy David killed the giant Goliath who was terrorizing and intimidating the army of God’s people Israel thus confirming his call as the future king of Israel. The young Virgin Mary hears the voice of God’s Spirit and says, “yes” thus becoming the human vessel through whom Messiah would come to bless and redeem the world!

“Let no man despise your youth.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

The Lord commanded Jeremiah to “Say not, ‘I am a child.’ For you shall go to all that I shall send you and whatever I command you *that* shall you speak. Be not afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” (Jeremiah 1:7 – 8).

As the Lord commanded Jeremiah, so Paul instructs young Timothy, “Let no man despise your youth, but be an example to the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity...” (1 Timothy 4:12).

Maybe your personal issue is not your youth. Maybe you feel you are too old to begin a fruitful life and ministry? What do you suppose Moses, who began his ministry at the age of eighty, would say to that kind of thinking? Or what would Abraham and Sarah say to your thinking?

Whatever it is that you are currently facing; never allow excuses – of any kind – to keep you from obeying the promptings of the Spirit. Never! “I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13).

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