

# FIRE MINISTRIES

## Jeremiah; Embracer of the Cross

*"Then the Lord said to me, 'Look, Jeremiah! What do you see?' And I replied, 'I see a branch from an almond tree.' And the Lord said, 'That's right, and it means that I am watching, and I will certainly carry out all my plans.' Then the Lord spoke to me again and asked, 'What do you see now?' And I replied, 'I see a pot of boiling water, spilling from the north.' Yes, the Lord said, 'for terror from the north will boil out on the people of this land.'"*

***Jeremiah i:ii-14***

Last month we looked at Jeremiah's calling. It became obvious that God's call was to His Son in Jeremiah. Once our ears begin hearing Who is being called, our eyes can start seeing the Son Who is to be our Life and ministry. As Jeremiah's call continued in chapter one, God showed Jeremiah an almond branch and a boiling pot. The almond branch declares that God will bring forth all that must be accomplished if Jeremiah will abide as the branch bearing His Life. The vision up to this point looks pretty good. But part of that same vision concerning God's call included a "boiling pot". This boiling pot represented the Chaldean army descending upon Judah, bringing a destruction that represented a deep application of the Cross. Here we see that Jeremiah's call did not only involve the Son, but His Cross, for these two are one. As we look more closely, we see that Jeremiah's call to be a vessel of

Christ meant Christ crucified. The Christ we live by and minister through is never without the Cross. If you read the book of Jeremiah and Lamentations, you will find that his life was filled with persecution, suffering and sorrow, much of which related to bearing the sufferings of Christ for His people, and preaching the Cross that they did not want to hear. If we bear in our bodies the dying of the Lord Jesus, then we will bear His marks in our ministry, relationships, and eventually bear His marks in our bodies (II Cor. 4:10-12, Gal. 6:17). From the start, God's call to Jeremiah involved an immersion into the very Person and Nature of His Son: to walk in His Spirit and follow in His way - the way of the Lamb, ever slain, ever involving the Cross. Rather than sharing more from Jeremiah this month, I have rather chosen to quote from ministers who have also embraced Christ Crucified as their Life, way, and ministry.

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Of Newsletter

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*From Kelly to You!*

*A dear friend of mine shared with me this past month in an email, "I believe if we love one another the rest will follow". Those words bore witness in my heart. Ministry begins with the way we treat one another... and this is the real ministry longing of my heart... more of His love to others. Another sister shared with me her desire to be filled with the Spirit of Christ every moment of the day. I heard her longing for HIM, and not His "things". I hear this same longing in the heart of a 15 year old who already is beginning embrace Christ and His Cross, finding Him as the One Who truly fills. During the week I hear the hearts of so many of you who love Jesus to your own loss, desire His Life more than your own, and are willing to love not... that you might love Him. I honor the Lord in you, thank God for His Life in you, and rejoice in the miracle that He is knitting all our hearts together as His very Body.*

*Together as His, Kelly*



Please pray for the upcoming  
Trips To Ireland.



**Life is drawing us.  
Hearts are being  
moved to gather  
unto HIM.**

Fire Ministries is preparing for two upcoming trips to Ireland. The first visit will include gathering with saints and friends from all over Ireland and other parts of Europe. The second trip will be a "Life Gathering" consisting of young people who are on fire for God and hungry to know Him more. If it is in your heart to pray, I would like to submit these specific areas to you:

- Prayers for the heart preparations of those God is gathering.
- Prayers for provision in the schedules and finances of those who are meant to attend these gatherings.

Thank you for your prayers!

If you want to follow Jesus, you had better look good on wood.  
-Anonymous