

# When Your Mess Becomes A Message



<sup>4</sup>Then the Word of the Lord Came to  
Me, Saying:

<sup>5</sup>“Before I Formed You in the Womb I  
Knew You;  
Before You Were Born I Sanctified You;  
I Ordained You a Prophet to the  
Nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Said I:  
“Ah, Lord God!  
Behold, I Cannot Speak, for I Am a  
Youth.”

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord Said to Me:  
“Do Not Say, ‘I Am a Youth,’  
for You Shall Go to All to Whom I Send  
You,  
and Whatever I Command You, You  
Shall Speak.

<sup>8</sup>Do Not Be Afraid of Their Faces,  
for I Am With You to Deliver You,” Says  
the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord Put Forth His Hand and  
Touched My Mouth, and the Lord Said  
to Me:

“Behold, I Have Put My Words in Your  
Mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, I Have This Day Set You Over the  
Nations and Over the Kingdoms,  
to Root Out and to Pull Down,  
to Destroy and to Throw Down,  
to Build and to Plant.”

<sup>11</sup>And Do This, Knowing the Time, That  
Now It Is High Time to Awake Out of  
Sleep; for Now Our Salvation Is Nearer  
Than When We First Believed.

<sup>12</sup>The Night Is Far Spent, the Day Is at Hand. Therefore Let Us Cast Off the Works of Darkness, and Let Us Put on the Armor of Light.

<sup>13</sup>Let Us Walk Properly, as in the Day,  
Not in Revelry and Drunkenness, Not in  
Lewdness and Lust, Not in Strife and  
Envy.

<sup>14</sup>But Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and  
Make No Provision for the Flesh, to  
Fulfill Its Lusts.

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<sup>27</sup>But God Has Chosen the Foolish  
Things of the World to Put to Shame  
the Wise, and God Has Chosen the  
Weak Things of the World to Put to  
Shame the Things Which Are Mighty;

<sup>28</sup>And the Base Things of the World and  
the Things Which Are Despised God  
Has Chosen, and the Things Which Are  
Not, to Bring to Nothing the Things That  
Are,

<sup>29</sup>That No Flesh Should Glory in His  
Presence.

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<sup>12</sup>“Most Assuredly, I Say to You, He Who Believes in Me, the Works That I Do He Will Do Also; and Greater Works Than These He Will Do, Because I Go to My Father.

<sup>13</sup>And Whatever You Ask in My Name,  
That I Will Do, That the Father May Be  
Glorified in the Son.

<sup>14</sup>If You Ask Anything in My Name, I Will  
Do It.

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<sup>19</sup>“God Is Not a Man, That He Should  
Lie,  
nor a Son of Man, That He Should  
Repent.

Has He Said, and Will He Not Do?  
or Has He Spoken, and Will He Not  
Make It Good?

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