

I AM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life

Unit 2: Who Am I

Lesson 2: Created for a Purpose

The Cave of Wisdom

The Cave Opening: The Burning Bush

Welcome to the cave of “Hopelessness”, a dark force that can destroy your dream. In this session we will look at the “crying prophet”, Jeremiah. God called Jeremiah to deliver His Word to the people. The Word was not good. The people were doomed to destruction because they worshiped other gods and stopped following the covenant God had commanded of their ancestors. Like the people of Israel, you are also only one generation away from forgetting the name “I AM”, unless you find the dream I Am has for your life. But your journey is not “hopeless”. You have the light of I AM’s son, Jesus, to show you the way.

Circle of Fire: Created for a Purpose by God

Scripture: Jer. 1:5 – “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”, said I AM.

Jer. 29:11-"For I know the plans I have for you", declares I AM, "plans to prosper you...plans to give you hope and a future."

Biblical Character: Jeremiah

"I didn't know I AM's plan for my life would be so difficult. Yes, He came to me, and spoke of His purpose to me. But this purpose was discouraging ... why me? The people would hate me for the messages from I AM were dreadful. How would you react if your pastor continually proclaimed that you were doomed to death by the hands of a foreign country?

The people of Israel and King Jehoiakim taunted me and then just ignored me. I was like a frog croaking in the night with no one hearing my song. I AM had me write His message on a scroll and send it to King Jehoiakim (Jer 36:2) The king was sitting in front of a fire in his apartment when the scroll was read to him. As 3 or 4 verses were read, he cut them from the scroll and threw them in to his fire. Then the king ordered my arrest, but I AM had warned me and provided a hiding place for me. I felt frustrated and hopeless ... the people would never change their ways ... my life's dream seemed worthless. For over 25 years I spoke I AM's word to the people to no avail.

But I fulfilled His purpose for my life and He protected me from my enemies. I AM wants to prosper you and the purpose He has for you ... but you must be obedient to Him."

Show the “Jeremiah was a Bullfrog” video and song.

Modern Character(s): Pres. John F. Kennedy

The nation was still recovering from 2 long world wars when JFK took his oath of office. The Cold War was causing people to fear a nuclear attack from the Soviet Union. Nations had the power to destroy entire populations with a single missile and bomb. People were digging fallout shelters. We seemed destined to another war far worse than any ever known. The nation felt hopeless with a dark future. But JFK would turn us around and give us hope. I AM was with our nation and would bless us.

Show the JFK Inauguration Speech

Cave Dark Side Journey: Hopelessness can come from negative attitudes and defeatism. Why try if there is no hope?

The Tribe: The Power of a Purpose gives Hope

Craft: “The Looking Glass Mirror”. Decorated frame with symbols of hope and love. Sign your initials on the frame. Glue the mirror in place. When you look in the mirror, remember that I AM has known what you look like from before you were conceived and He has a purpose for you. Instead of glass mirror, use the “attitude” picture provided in Appendix 8 Craft.

Recreation Activity: “Who am I”. Divide class into two groups. Give a member of each group the name of a Bible character. Have others ask questions until they can guess the person. Group must guess within time limit for the group to gain a point. Continue as time permits until one group wins.

See Appendix 6 Recreation for more instructions.