

## **Serve With Truth: Pointing the Way Home**

*In the Market with Janet Parshall* has been a mainstay on Moody Radio for years. No matter what contemporary topic is explored, Janet consistently points the way to Jesus and biblical truth. When her four children were young, she put her promising career on hold and invested in these little ones. To serve is “to perform duties or services for another person or organization”. Janet is the consummate team player, investing in people wherever God leads her.

Besides her radio ministry, Janet has served on numerous boards and authored numerous books, including six with her lawyer husband and one with her daughter. All her life she has dialoged with leaders in all walks of life and pointed them in a God-honoring direction.

### **Five Factors Determine How You Serve:**

#### **1. You Serve At A \_\_\_\_\_(Unique Time)**

- a. *“The word of the Lord came to [Jeremiah] in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah, and through the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, when the people of Jerusalem went into exile.” Jeremiah 1:2-3.*
- b. When Jeremiah was born, Judah was drowning in a sea of decadence. Even King Manasseh sacrificed his son to the Canaanite god Molech. But a godly remnant prayed for revival, and God answered them in bringing eight-year-old Josiah to the throne. After Josiah brought revival, three evil kings brought disaster upon Judah.
- c. God has called you to be his servant at this particular time! *“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light shine before men.” Matthew 5:14-16.*

#### **2. You Serve As A \_\_\_\_\_(Unique Person)**

- a. *“The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘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.’” Jeremiah 1:4. “You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:13-14.*
- b. When the first three-dimensional images of a fetus were captured in 1986, the world was astounded at the wonders of the human body – God’s masterpiece!
- c. God spoke to Jeremiah personally and directly and he will do the same with you if you ask him.

**3. You Serve With \_\_\_\_\_ (Unique Weaknesses)**

- a. *“Ah, Sovereign Lord, I do not know how to speak; I am only a child.”*  
*Jeremiah 1:6.* God will give you the strength to serve him in ways that you didn’t think were possible, if you are willing.

**4. You Serve Under A \_\_\_\_\_ (Unique Master)**

- a. *“But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them for I am with you and will rescue you.”* *Jeremiah 1:7-8.*
- b. Many voices compete for our attention today – on TV commercials, at the university, from our peers, etc. But one voice is absolutely unique. It’s the voice of your Creator! As he spoke to Elijah (I Kings 19:11), so he will speak to you and show you how to serve him.

**5. You Serve With A \_\_\_\_\_ (Unique Message)**

- a. *“Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.’”* *Jeremiah 1:9.* Jeremiah spoke truth even though he faced daunting challenges. God will enable you to serve him in the same way.

**In her book *Buyer Beware: Finding Truth in the Marketplace of Ideas*, Janet Parshall challenges us to reach out to our neighbors and serve them. At Christmastime, Janet makes each of her neighbors a loaf of bread arranged in a beautiful basket along with a card that shares the real meaning of Christmas. Then she and her husband deliver them with a smile and warm greetings! Are you ready to serve like this?**