

# MINING THE MESSAGE



<i>Title:</i>	<i>Set Apart by Faith</i>	<i>Scripture:</i>	<i>Romans 1:1-7</i>
<i>Speaker:</i>	<i>Jeff Terrell</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>1/12/25</i>
<i>Big Idea:</i>	<i>Faith sets us apart for unnatural roles in a most satisfying story!</i>		

<i>OUTLINE</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Own the Mirror of Faith for Your Identity (1)</li><li>2. Own the Message of Faith for Your Instructions (2-3)</li><li>3. Own the Mission of Faith for Your Intention (4-5)</li><li>4. Own the Ministry of Faith for Your Inspiration (6-7)</li></ol>
<i>SEARCH</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Read Romans 1:1. What is surprising about Paul's description of himself? What does it mean that Paul is set apart? What is the significance that Paul declares himself a slave to Christ? What is the connection between a Christian's calling and a Christian's identity? What type of unnatural living results when we embrace the calling and identity of Christ?</li><li>2. Read Romans 1:4-5 and 2 Corinthians 11:21-31. What is the mission of every believer? Why should we see the resurrection of Christ as the "horizon"? How does that perspective help our endurance to fulfill God's mission during difficulties and suffering?</li></ol>
<i>REFINE</i>	<p>1 Read Romans 1:2-3, 2 Corinthians 1:20, and Hebrews 1:1:3. The entire redemptive story (Gospel of God) is found in Genesis to Revelation with Jesus Christ as the central figure. Based on that, how should this influence our understanding of the Old Testament? What Old Testament promises or concepts were fulfilled in Christ (i.e., Messianic promises, sacrificial lamb)? What are the delights of studying diligently and seeing these fulfillments?</p> <p>2. Read Romans 1:6-7. What is the definition of calling? What are the believer's responsibilities in dwelling with God that will fulfill the purpose of the calling?</p>
<i>LIVE</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Evaluate your study method of scripture. What needs to improve in your reading habits of the Bible? What needs to improve in your study of scripture? What do you need to implement in your life to meditate continuously throughout the day?</li><li>2. What do you discern as your calling? How does your calling incorporate the mission that God has given? What scriptures affirm this calling? What guidance do you need from others that would help you understand and navigate your calling?</li></ol>