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*Connecting People to
God's Life-Changing
Power*

*We've Got
Connections!*

Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.
Acts 4:13

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Vaccinated Yet?

Each fall I start out the school year (tutoring kids) with lots of gusto. I desire to give Jesus to everyone I meet. Yet it doesn't take long for me to meet up with criticism or disapproval which can send me into a whirlwind of discouragement.

Fear grips.
I want everyone to like me.

I have this great need for human approval. I don't like to be criticized or judged because of my own weaknesses and sins. I have to face this fear every time I desire to tell people about Jesus. I'd rather find an excuse to be quiet.

Jeremiah in chapter 1 of his book had an excuse too. He was too young to speak for God (not a problem for me anymore). Yet God jumped on his excuse. "Jeremiah you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. Do not be afraid of the people, for I will take care of you and be with you. Stand up against the forces of darkness. Some people need to have the idols of their hearts uprooted and torn down. Others need to be built up and planted. Do not be afraid of them or I will make you look foolish in front of them. TODAY I HAVE MADE YOU IMMUNE TO THEIR ATTACKS." The vaccine.

Then the Lord tells Jeremiah the reason he will be opposed while giving His message. "*For the people have done two evil things: They have forsaken me the fountains of living water and the have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all.*"

This is a message I and our culture and all Christians need to hear today. There are two kinds of ministry here. One is helping bring about the death of idols and the other is giving out fountains of His living water. One is popular, the other is well... not. No wonder we need God's vaccination to build our immune system against attacks.

As we launch out this fall into our jobs, churches and homes, let's be open to tear down our own idols we may have substituted for the Living Water. Then let's dare to let Him use us wherever and however, to bring Jesus' Life to those who are building empty cisterns. After all we have all been vaccinated with His Spirit, Who makes us adequate for this ministry of reconciliation.

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