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- 2) Jeremiah is in prison.

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How to handle the unusual leading of God:

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- 2) Be sensitive to the preparation of God.
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- 2) Public (vs. 10, 12, 13)
- 3) Long Term (vs. 14)
- 4) Complete (vs. 15)

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4. Praise Me! — God is awesome! (Jeremiah 32:16-25)

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“I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety.”

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6. Call on Me! — God is ready to meet your need. (Jeremiah 33:1-3)

“This is what the LORD says:... ³‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’”

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