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**Sunday Readings Reflections  
of 1/31/2016**

**Reading 1 Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**

Jeremiah was an insecure young man when the Lord appointed him as a prophet to Israel. In this reading, the Lord assures Jeremiah that he has always known him and loved him, even before he was born. In effect, the Lord says to Jeremiah, "You can do this. I will be with you all the way. I will make you strong."

**Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13**

This is one of the most famous passages from the New Testament. It is read at weddings and also at funerals. It is written on plaques and wall hangings. It is even embroidered on pillows!

Why do you think so many people appreciate this passage on love? Read the passage quietly to yourself or listen to it as it is read slowly one more time. When you read or hear a verse or a line that means something to you, write it down. Then gather with your group and compare your choices. Try to explain why you wrote down the passage that you did.

**Gospel Luke 4:21-30**

In the first reading, we read that the Lord chose Jeremiah to be his prophet. However, the people did not listen to Jeremiah. However, Jeremiah never gave up, because he knew the Lord was with him.

In this reading from the Gospel, the people do not listen to Jesus. They did not really believe he was the Messiah, because they had known him all their lives. To them, Jesus was "Joseph's son" and nothing more. But Jesus never gave up, either. Jesus knew that his Father was with him always.