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One of the important tasks of growing up is taking responsibility on ourselves and making decisions on our own. There comes a day for all of us when we can no longer just tag along with everyone else. As followers of Jesus, one decision we all need to make is to find out what on earth are we here for and to try and understand His purpose for us in life. It is our responsibility to determine the future He has for us, which leads us to Heaven.

In the first reading today, Jeremiah shows us how strong his relationship with God is. The people of Judah were hateful towards Jeremiah and wanted to get rid of him. Despite this, Jeremiah prayed to the Lord asked for his blessings for the people of Judah and not to have anger towards them. Our initial response in this world is to have anger towards our enemies. Jesus' message is to love our enemies. That's not so easy sometimes.

I can remember instances when some people were being rude and disrespectful to me and it took a little while for me to learn, with help from the big guy, to love them and not hate. So, as Catholics we need to have faith to love everyone no matter what. If we're trying to find out why on earth we are here, let's start by loving those around us. It will surely make our path more clear to understand our purpose on earth.

Have a good day!