



“Called”

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“Reclaim Your Calling”

¹ Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.

Ephesians 4:1 (NLT)

- God calls you to **salvation**
- God calls you to **sanctification**.
- God calls you to **service**. Colossians 3:17

⇒ God doesn't call the prepared. God prepares the called ⇐

I Corinthians 1:26

Two Qualities of Calling

1) Calling Costs.

Acts 9:15-16

2) Calling Sustains.

⇒ Paul didn't finish because he was competent. Paul finished because he was called. ⇐

Phil. 3:13-14 / Romans 11:29 / 2 Thess. 1:11-12

✓ **When you follow Jesus, you find true Life**

TALK IT OVER

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

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- What are some things you do when you start feeling physically or emotionally drained?
 - What is your favorite way to recharge when you're worn out?
 - Read Colossians 3:17. God calls us to salvation, sanctification, and service. How does that influence the way you view your calling?
 - Read I Cor. 1:26. Has God ever called you to do something even though you felt unprepared? What happened?
 - Read Phil. 3:13-14. How can this passage help you?
 - Read 2 Thes. 11-12. What practical steps can you take to pursue your calling this week?
- ✓ Start the Divine Direction Bible plan YouVersion

God's Calling

August's Memory Verse – *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* **1Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Monday 8/10- Read Matthew 20:22-28

Question: Specifically, who is Jesus asking me to serve?

Truth: *Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, Vs.26*

Meditate: Matthew 20:28- *just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*”

Prayer: Lord, show me where you want me to serve and empower me to do it joyfully.

Action: ...serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13

Who is God asking me to serve in love: _____

Tuesday 8/11- Read Mark 12:29-31

Question: How would someone know by examining my life that this two-part commandment is the driving force in my life?

Truth: I have learned to love God and love others by....

Meditate: Mark 10:45 - *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*”

Prayer: Lord, help me to show my love in a practical way by serving others.

Action: *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.* 1 Peter 4:10

I can serve one of my neighbors by: _____

Wednesday 8/12- Read Romans 12:1-21

Question: How is serving others a way of “offering your body” to God??

Truth: *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.* Vs. 1

Meditate: Romans 12:11- *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

Praise: *For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.* Romans 11:36

Action: *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.* Romans 12:21

What God is telling me: _____

Thursday 8/13- Read Matthew 25:31-46

Question: *Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?*

Truth: *“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’* Vs. 40

Meditate: Matthew 25:34- *“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.*

Prayer: Lord, I will love and serve you by loving and serving others.

Action: Loving God by loving others

What God is asking me to do: _____

Friday 8/14- Read John 13:34-35

Question: What opportunities am I finding to love and serve one another?

Truth: *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

Meditate: John 13:35- *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

Prayer: Father God, I will glorify your Name by loving others.

Action: *Be devoted to one another in love.*

Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10

Who will I share God's love with today:
