"The Call is For YOU"

Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For? - Part 1

"Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do." Proverbs 4:7 What is wisdom? Wisdom is seeing things from God's point of view. It is not knowledge but it must be learned, it something to sought and asked for.

(James 1:5)

- Listen to God's Word every day by reading a chapter a day
- Enlist a friend (or small group) to discuss weekly what I'm learning.
- Attend the next six weeks and hear all six messages
- Reinforce what I learn by memorizing a key Bible verse each week
- Now I'll do it by practicing what I learn at home, school, play or work.

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED according to His PURPOSE." Rom. 8:28 (NIV)

"My prayer is that light will flood your hearts and that you will understand the hope that was given to you when God <u>CALLED YOU</u>. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all of God's people!" **Eph. 1:18-19 (CEV)**

Note: The Bible says you have <u>already</u> been <u>called</u>. You have been called according to His <u>purpose</u>.

WHAT I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MY LIFE'S CALLING

1. My calling is a gift from God!

"God, by his grace through Christ, has called you to become his people." Gal. 1:6 (NCV)

"He has <u>saved us</u> and <u>called us to a holy life</u> - not because of anything we have done but because of <u>his own purpose and grace</u>." **2 Tim. 1:9 (NIV)**

2. I am called for God's purpose!

"Before the two boys were born, God told Rebekah, 'The older will serve the younger.' This was before the boys had done anything good or bad. God said this so that the one chosen would be chosen because of God's own plan.

He was chosen because he was the one God wanted to call, not because of anything he did." Rom. 9:11 (NCV)

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do qood works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Eph. 2:10 (NIV)

3. God chose my calling before I was born.

"It pleased God in his kindness to <u>choose me and call me</u>even <u>before I was born</u>! What undeserved mercy! Gal. 1:15 (NLT)

"Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you." Jer. 1:5 (MSG)

"I am your Creator. You were <u>in my care</u> even <u>before</u> you were born! Isaiah 44:2 (CEV) This is our memory verse for the week.

4. My sins and mistakes don't change my call.

"By <u>calling me</u> into his service, Jesus has judged me trustworthy, <u>even though I used to be</u> a blasphemer and a persecutor and contemptuous. Mercy, however, was shown me, because while I lacked faith, I acted in ignorance." 1 Tim. 1:12-13 (NJB)

God doesn't have a "plan B" for your life, it will use it all for His purposes if trust and follow Him.

5. My calling is permanent.

"God's gifts and his calling are irrevocable." Rom. 11:29 (NIV)

"God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn." Rom.11:29 (NLT)

6. My calling is connected to others.

"We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future hope." Eph. 4:4 (NLT)

"Brothers and sisters, you are holy partners in a heavenly calling." Heb. 3:1 (GW)

7. God empowers what He called me to do.

"I now urge you to live the life to which God called you." Eph. 4:1 (NCV)

"That is why we always pray for you, asking our God to help you live the kind of life he called you to live. We pray that with his power God will help you do the good things you want and perform the works that come from your faith. 2 Thes. 1:11 (NCV)

"The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it." 1 Thes. 5:24 (NIV)

8. There is a prize for living out my calling.

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14 (NIV)

"Live the kind of life that pleases God, who calls you to share in his own Kingdom and glory." 1 Thes. 2:12 (TEV)

The <u>prize</u> is that you get to share in everything that God has in heaven. You get to share in his kingdom, you get to share in his glory, you get to share in his power. It all becomes yours. Today is the day all of us can begin this 42 day journey together in effort to understand and to find our calling and purpose. And to realize what on earth we are here for! Will you take the first step? God is calling, will you answer?