

Six Principles of God's Call (Part 5)

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Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12; John 6:38

GOD IS CALLING EVERY CHRISTIAN TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD!

God may be calling you to...

- Volunteer (Community and church).
- Mission field (short term/full-time).
- Full-time Christian ministry.

Every Christian has a calling to “GO FOR JESUS”

- Serving people to lead them to Jesus.
- This “call” is our ministry.

John 6:38 - Jesus said, “(38) For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

Examples:

Genesis 12:1-4 – Abraham

Exodus 3:1-12 – Moses

1st Samuel 16:1, 7-13 – David (Jesse’s youngest son)

Luke 1:26-38 – Mary, the mother of Jesus

Matthew 4:18-22 – Disciples

*Acts 9:1-9 – Paul

SIX PRINCIPLES OF GOD’S CALL:

1) GOD CALLS IN DIFFERENT WAYS

- Through ***direct contact*** (Moses [Exodus 3], Disciples [Matthew 4:18])
- Through ***another person*** (Samuel, David [1st Samuel 16])
- Through ***circumstances*** (Hardships - Daniel, Joseph; Urgency of the time - Esther & Mordecai)

2) GOD CALLS FOR SPECIFIC TASKS & CIRCUMSTANCES

- Bible characters were called to fulfill a special place in God’s plan.
- Their significance was often realized “after the fact.”

3) GOD’S COMMON CALL ON ALL OF US

- In our character and service to Him: *1st Thessalonians 5:24; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1st John 2:5-6*

4) GOD’S CALL FOR YOU TO SERVE HIM

- In your... FAMILY, MARRIAGE, COMMUNITY, CHURCH, CAREER.
- Noah’s family – Genesis 6:8-14, 18; 7:1, 5-7

5) GOD'S CALL REQUIRES PROCESS

*God's Call is fulfilled **AFTER** much:*

Time - Before Moses led God's people - he wandered 40 years after his failure of murder (Exodus 2:11-15).

Trial – Going through disappointments and failures (**Peter** – John 18:15-18, 25-27)

Learning – “The school of hard knocks” (Moses – Exodus 16)

Spiritual Growth – Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt through the parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14).

6) God's Call Requires PATIENCE and WISDOM

James 1:3-4 *“(3) knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. (4) But let **patience** have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”*

Proverbs 16:9 *“A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.”*

James 1:5 *“(5) If any of you **lacks wisdom**, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”*

Three Overall “Calls” in the Christian Life

We are called...

1) ...at SALVATION - to be saved from sin (John 3:3, 16-18).

2) ...at SANCTIFICATION – to be set-apart and surrendered (Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 5:16-18).

3) ...to His SERVICE – (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 10:45)

1st John 2:6 *“(6) Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.”*