

# THE CALL OF GOD

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## MY PERSONAL CALL – How did I know it?

### 1 COR 1:9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 1 COR. 1:26

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

**2822 κλητός** [*kletos* /klay·tos/] adj. From the same as 2821; TDNT 3:494; TDNTA 394; GK 3105; 11 occurrences; AV translates as “called” 11 times. 1 called, **invited** (to a banquet). 1a invited (by God in the proclamation of the Gospel) to obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom through Christ. 1b **called to (the discharge of) some office. 1b1 divinely selected and appointed.**

### MATT. 22:11-14

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. <sup>12</sup> So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup> “**For many are called, but few are chosen.**”

### 1 COR. 7-24

**But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk.** And so I ordain in all the churches. <sup>18</sup> Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. <sup>19</sup> Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God *is what matters*. <sup>20</sup> **Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.** <sup>21</sup> Were you called *while* a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use *it*. <sup>22</sup> For he who is called in the Lord *while* a slave is the Lord’s freedman. Likewise he who is called *while* free is Christ’s slave. <sup>23</sup> You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. <sup>24</sup> **Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called.**

### EPH. 1:17-18

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; **that you may know what is the hope of His calling,**

### EPH. 4:1-6

**I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,** <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

### 2 PET. 1:5-11

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. <sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and abound, *you will be* neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### 1 PET. 2:20-21

For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

### 2 TIM. 1:8-9

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began

### ROM. 11:29

For the gifts and the calling of God are **irrevocable**. [Not to be regretted].

[In R. 11:29 Paul says that the gracious gifts (χαρίσματα) and calling (κλήσις) of God are irrevocable (ἀμεταμέλητα). He has in view the inflexible goal that in spite of the disobedience and hardness of men God will accomplish His will to save.]

## CALLED BY GOD TO SPECIAL SERVICE

### RADICAL CALLS – Noah, Abraham, Joshua, Elijah, Nehemiah, Daniel, Hosea, Stephen

1.	Noah, called to build a ship	Gen. 6:14
2.	Abraham, called to leave his home for a strange land	Gen. 12:1–2
3.	Isaac, called to stay in Palestine and carry on his father's faith	Gen 26:1–5
4.	Jacob, called to be true to his grandfather's faith	Gen. 28:12–15
5.	Joseph, called to exercise spiritual authority over his brothers	Gen. 37:5–9
6.	Moses, called to free Israel from Egyptian bondage	Exod. 3:1–12
7.	Aaron, called to become Israel's first high priest	Lev. 8:2
8.	Eleazar, called to assume responsibility over the tabernacle and to become Israel's high priest	Num. 3:32; 20:28; 34:17
9.	Phinehas, called to receive God's covenant of peace for his family	Num. 25:10–13
10.	Joshua, called to lead Israel into Canaan	Josh. 1:1–9
11.	Othniel, called to defeat the Mesopotamians	Jdg. 3:9–10
12.	Ehud, called to defeat the Moabites	Judg. 3:15
13.	Deborah and Barak, called to defeat Canaanites	Judg. 4:4–9
14.	Gideon, called to defeat the Midianites	Judg. 6:11–16
15.	Jephthah, called to defeat the Ammonites	Judg. 11:29

16.	Samson, called to defeat the Philistines	Judg. 13:24–25
17.	Samuel, called to replace Eli	1 Sam. 3:1–14
18.	Saul, called to be Israel's first king	1 Sam. 9
19.	David, called to be Israel's finest king	1 Sam. 16
20.	Solomon, called to serve God as did his father	1 Kings 3:1–14
21.	Jeroboam, called to be king over the ten tribes of Israel	1 Kings 11:26–40
22.	Elijah, called to preach judgment against sin	1 Kings 17:1–4
23.	Elisha, called to be the successor to Elijah	2 Kings 2:1–13
24.	Jehu, called to rule over the ten tribes of Israel	2 Kings 9:1–6
25.	Ezra, called to teach the Word of God to the returning Jews	Ezra 7:6–10
26.	Nehemiah, called to build the wall around Jerusalem	Neh. 2:18
27.	Esther, called to save her people from extermination by the Persians	Esther 4:13–16
28.	Isaiah, called to become God's greatest prophet	Isa. 6:1–13
29.	Jeremiah, called to be a prophet to the nations	Jer. 1:4–10
30.	Ezekiel, called to be Israel's watchman on the wall	Ezek. 3:10–27
31.	Daniel, called to interpret dreams	Dan. 2:19–23
32.	Hosea, called to marry a harlot	Hosea 1:1–2
33.	Amos, called to preach against the sins of the ten tribes	Amos 1:1
34.	Jonah, called to warn Nineveh about coming judgment unless it repented	Jon. 1:1–2
35.	John the Baptist, called to prepare the way for Christ	Luke 1:76–80
36.	Peter and Andrew, called to follow Christ	Matt. 4:18–20
37.	James and John, called to follow Christ	Matt. 4:21–22
38.	Philip, called to follow Christ	John 1:43
39.	Nathanael, called to follow Christ	John 1:44–51
40.	Matthew, called to follow Christ	Matt. 9:9
41.	The rich young ruler, called to sell his goods and follow Christ	Matt. 19:16–21
42.	Matthias, called to take the place of Judas Iscariot	Acts 1:23–26
43.	Stephen, called to function as a deacon and evangelist	Acts 6:5, 8–15

44.	Philip, called to function as a deacon and evangelist	Acts 6:5; 8:5–8
45.	Saul, called to become the church's first missionary-evangelist-pastor	Acts 9:15–16; 13:1–2
46.	Barnabas, called to help Paul	Acts 11:22–30
47.	John Mark, called to help Paul	Acts 13:5; 15:39
48.	Silas, called to help Paul	Acts 15:40
49.	Timothy, called to help Paul and later pastor a church	Acts 16:1–3
50.	Apollos, called to be an evangelist and pastor	Acts 18:24–26
51.	Jude, called to write the Book of Jude	

WHAT IS YOUR CALLING?

HOW TO KNOW IT.

### WHAT MAKES YOUR HEART SING?

Your passion is not a passing interest or even a hobby. A passion is something that is intensely meaningful and core to your identity. Once you identify what your passion is, can you say it influences your daily activities? Can you incorporate it into what you do professionally? Your true passion should be the subject of your communications and will serve to truly inspire your audience.

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