

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

The Call is for You

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED according to His PURPOSE." —Romans 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 CALLED YOU. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all of God's people!" —Ephesians 1:18-19 (CEV)

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." —Galatians 1:6 (NCV)

"He has saved us and called us to a holy life - not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace." —2 Timothy 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." —Romans 9:11 (NCV)

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

3. God chose my calling before I was born

"It pleased God in his kindness to choose me and call me even before I was born! What undeserved mercy!" —Galatians 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." —Jeremiah 1:5 (MSG)

"I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born!" —Isaiah 44:2 (CEV)

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

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

5. My calling is permanent

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

"God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn." —Romans 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." —Ephesians 4:4 (NLT)

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

7. God empowers what he calls me to do

"I now urge you to live the life to which God called you." —Ephesians 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 Thessalonians 1:11 (NCV)

"The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it." —1 Thessalonians 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." —Philippians 3:14 (NIV)

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