Called: Why Am I Here?

Part One- The Call is for You January 28, 2024

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." (Romans 8:28, New Living Translation)

"You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21, English Standard Version)

FIVE TRUTHS ABOUT MY CALLING

1. My calling is <u>bigger</u> than my job.

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." (Ephesians 2:10, NLT)

2. <u>God</u> chose my calling <u>before</u> I was born.

"Before I made you in your mother's womb, I chose you. Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work."

(Jeremiah 1:5, New Century Version)

"It pleased God in his kindness to choose me and call me, even before I was born! What undeserved mercy!"

(Galatians 1:15, NLT)

"I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born!" (Isaiah 44:2, Contemporary English Version)

3. My calling is <u>permanent</u>—I can't <u>lose</u> it!

"By calling me into his service, Jesus has judged me trustworthy, even though I used to be a blasphemer and a persecutor."

(1 Timothy 1:12-13, New Jerusalem Bible)

"God never changes his mind about the people he calls and the things he gives them." (Romans 11:29, NCV)

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people."

(Genesis 50:20, NLT)

4. My calling is <u>connected</u> to <u>others</u>.

"We are all parts of one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future."

(Ephesians 4:4 TLB)

5. My calling is <u>empowered</u> by <u>God</u>.

"The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, 'Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!" (Judges 6:12, NLT)

Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"
.... "I will be with you."

(Judges 6:14, 16, NLT)

"So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do."

(2 Thessalonians 1:11, NLT)