

CALLED—2 RECLAIM YOUR CALLING

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Ephesians 4:1 NLT

- **God calls you to salvation.**
- **God calls you to sanctification.**
- **God calls you to service.**

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 NIV

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 1 Corinthians 1:26 NIV

- **God doesn't call the prepared. God prepares the called.**

TWO QUALITIES OF CALLING

1) Calling costs.

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." Acts 9:15-16 NIV

- **God often uses our deepest pain to launch our greatest calling.**

2) Calling sustains.

- **Paul didn't finish because he was competent. Paul finished because he was called.**

... Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14 NIV

For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn. Romans 11:29 NLT

... we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹²We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you ...

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 NIV