



#4 CALLINGS (Who me? Who to?)

Acts 16:10 (NIV) After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had **called** us to preach the **gospel** to them.

A few points about CALLINGS:

1. Your first and primary calling is **not FOR** Jesus – **but TO** Jesus.

Colossians 1:10 (NIV) ...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: **bearing fruit** in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...

2. Callings are for **ALL** of God’s people and they are **MULTIPLE**, not singular

Luke 10:25-37 (NIV) On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” ²⁷He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁸“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” ²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And **who is my neighbor?**” ³⁰In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” ³⁶“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” ³⁷The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Insights for Locking Into our Callings:

1. Our “**DEFAULT**” should be to say “**YES**” to the needs right in front of us!
2. **URGENCY & IMMEDIACY** of the need is a factor.
3. Need to ask, “Is there **SOMEBODY ELSE** who should better respond to this?”
4. Need to ask, “Do I have the **RESOURCES** to meet this need or opportunity?”
5. Don’t let **FEAR** stop you!
6. You don’t have to **WAIT TO BE ASKED!**
7. Look for what **GRABS YOUR HEART**
8. God’s heart is constantly drawn to the **DOWNTRODDEN**
9. If you haven’t locked in on the calling God has for you, just **LOCK ONTO SOMEONE ELSE’S** calling and often in the process you’ll find yours!
10. Sometimes callings are **LONG TERM** and sometimes they’re **JUST FOR A SEASON!**

BIBLE READING PLAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Habakkuk 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Romans 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Romans 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Romans 5
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