

Dedication to your Calling – Pt1

Introduction

God is interested in the message, the man and multiplication.

Maximizing your gifts and calling will be influenced by how you receive them. Many people are still dancing around their calling but have not fully received it.

Dedication to your calling is determined largely by how you receive your calling.

How do you receive the Calling?

Do you have to have heard an angel? All callings don't come the same way.

1. Moses – Sovereign revelation from God (Exodus 3: 9-10) Firstly, he sensed in his heart 40 years earlier and it didn't work then he had the burning bush experience. Not a measure of how superior the calling is. Sometimes maybe it's needed when you are not confident.
2. David – Prophetic revelation (1 Sam 16:1) He wasn't pursuing it but was discovered by Samuel. It was in the context of serving.
3. Joseph – Private revelation (Gen 37:5-7) Dream. This gives him the confidence he needs.
4. Elisha – Mentor (1 Kings 19:15-16). Elisha was called by Elijah.
5. Nehemiah – Personal Burden (Neh 1:1-4); wept and mourned after hearing troubling news. Difficult to get the image out of your system. Still a legitimate call. You feel strongly that you must do something about it. Idea is born in your heart to do something. You find yourself crying over someone you hardly know. Sometimes the burden can stem from negative personal experiences you have had. E.g. abused woman feeling a burden for those who have been through something similar.
6. Esther – Public demand from the people (Esther 4:13-14) cf vision of Macedonian call.
7. Isaiah – Open vision or trance (He responds saying Here I am Lord send me)
8. Mary – Angelic Visitation (Be it unto me according to your Word)
9. Paul – Damascus road experience with Jesus

Sometimes your calling is a substitution calling. If Saul had succeeded there would be no David. Sometimes someone's failure is the time for you to rise.

God deals with second generation differently in terms of calling. Just because your spiritual father was called in a certain manner does not mean you will be.

In my case I have received a calling and also specific assignments. This has occurred with regards to leadership and to apostolic ministry.

What stops us from receiving our calling?

- Delaying it
We delay our calling due to
 - Procrastination
 - Perfectionism
 - Low self esteem

- Rigid ideas
- Other voices
- People pleasing
 - a. Choosing career based on family preference
 - b. Idolizing certain vocations
- Money matters
 - a. We are led by the money and not the Spirit
- Current environment and circumstances
- Lack of mentorship, emotional and social support
 - a. No mentor to activate or draw out the gifts
- Fixed mindset
 - a. If I failed in the past then I will fail in the future
- Condemnation
- Envy
 - a. We spend a lot of time coveting someone else's gifts and calling
- Self-deauthorisation