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Sermon title: Answering the Call of God

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Bible readings

Call to worship Isaiah 1: 6
1st - Jeremiah 1:1-10
Hebrews 11: 8-16

Introduction

Throughout the Bible many have been called to serve God .some of the most prominent examples are;-

1. Abraham- Called to leave his home and go to a land God would show him (Genesis 12:1).
2. Moses- Called from the burning bush to lead Israel out of Egypt (Exodus 3:1-10).
3. Samuel- Called by God as a child to be His prophet (1 Samuel 3:1-10).

These people and others responded to the call that's why they are counted as righteous.

What is the call of God

- The call of God is personal and divine summons to fulfill a particular purpose or mission in life.
- It is a transformative experience that can lead to a greater sense of purpose and fulfillment.
- It may be experienced as a strong inner conviction, a series of guiding events, or a profound spiritual encounter.

Today we explore five questions about the call of God.

1. Who calls ?

(Romans 8:30)

- God is the Caller:

He is sovereign, loving, and purposeful. God's calling is rooted in His grace and love for us.

2. Why does God Call ?

(1 Peter 2:9)

- For His Glory:

God calls us to bring glory to His name.

Our lives are meant to reflect His love, power, and grace.

- For our good:

God's call leads us to growth and fulfillment.

He knows what is best for us and guides us accordingly.

- To serve others:

We are called to spread God's love and message. The Good Samaritan, called to show mercy and love (Luke 10:25-37).

3. What does God call us to do?

(Micah 6:8)

- To be Holy and pursue Righteousness

To be holy means to live lives that are set apart for God.

We are also called to pursue justice, mercy, and humility.

- To serve (John 13:1-17).

We are called to serve within the church and in the world.

We do that through participation in church ministries and community outreach.

- To use our personal and unique gifts.

God's call is tailored to our individual gifts and circumstances.

It's important to recognize and embrace your unique talents and passions. Don't copy others.

You are fearfully and wonderfully created. Psalm 139

4. How does God Call.

(Isaiah 30:21)

- Through Scripture:

God's Word is a primary means of His calling.

- Through Prayer:

God speaks to us in times of prayer and meditation.

- Through Circumstances and People

God uses our life circumstances and others to call us.

- Through the Holy Spirit:

- The Holy Spirit guides and directs our paths.

5. When does He Call.

(2 Timothy 4:2)

- In His Time

God's timing is perfect, even if it doesn't align with our plans.

Trust in God's timing and sovereignty.

- In our everyday lives.

God can call us at any moment, in the simple or the extraordinary events

- In times of change

God often calls us during times of change and transition, pushing us to new growth.

Conclusion

1. Be ready to answer God's call at any moment.
2. Seek, recognize, and embrace your calling.
3. Trust in God's plan and timing.