

# **CALLED!**

## **Part 11 of THE GOSPEL WAY**

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### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

Be gracious to us, God, according to your faithful love; according to your abundant compassion, blot out our rebellion. Completely wash away our guilt and cleanse us from our sin.

Lord, we pray with such boldness because you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to die as the atoning sacrifice for sins. By his shed blood, you reconciled us, forgave us, and cleansed our guilt. Thank you, Lord, for this precious gift. Amen.

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## The Big Idea

God made you on purpose, for a purpose.

- You are not an accident.
- You have a reason for living. For example:

*Ephesians 2:10 (CSB) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.*

What is your purpose according to this verse?

## Three Kinds of Calling

The Bible describes three kinds of calling:

### 1. The **“general”** call: this applies to everyone.

*Romans 12:1 (CSB) Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.*

*1 Corinthians 10:31 (CSB) So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.*

Everyone is called to submit to God and live for his glory. Right now, for example, being faithful to Jesus in school, kind to friends, honest with parents, and serving at church IS your calling. You don't have to wait until you're an adult to live out God's purpose

## 2. The **“work”** call: this applies to everyone who has a job.

*Colossians 3:22-23 (CSB) Slaves, obey your human masters in everything. Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people...*

This passage also applies to employees, not just ancient-world slaves. Workers are called to be enthusiastic (wholehearted), obedient, and God-fearing. Our work can serve (worship) the Lord.

So, how we work (our attitude, productivity, honesty, relationships) will either be a credible testimony of our new life in Christ or give Christianity a bad reputation.

## 3. The **“vocational ministry”** call applies to church work.

God calls some people into church work roles such as pastors, missionaries, worship leaders, youth workers, and Christian teachers.

While all Christians are called to love their church and serve in ministry, some are called to serve as their job. The call to vocational ministry isn't better than other callings, but it is distinct and specific. It is not for everyone.

*1 Timothy 3:1 (CSB) This saying is trustworthy: “If anyone aspires to be an overseer (church leader), he desires a noble work.”*

# **Am I Called to Vocational Ministry?**

No one should rush into vocational ministry. It tends to be a challenging way of life, so you need a deep sense of calling if you hope to persevere.

## **Three Factors to Consider**

Three factors will be present when God calls a person into vocational ministry:

- **Desire:** There will be a desire to serve in the church, probably in a particular way. For example, Pastor Peter felt a strong internal drive to study and teach the Bible. He didn't wait for a church job but served in any way he could.
- **Affirmation:** Church leaders and good friends will confirm the calling. They will say that they see the necessary godly character and abilities. They will discern the potential.
- **Opportunity:** The Lord will open doors for preparation, training, and ministry. This may take time, so be patient; God has a plan.

## **Next Steps**

If you feel a call to vocational ministry, and church leaders and mature believers who know you well confirm it, take these steps:

- Take time to pray and ask the Lord for his clear guidance.
- Talk to Pastor Peter.