

# THE HIGH CALL

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*"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 3:14

The High Call of God is to be superior in your field whereby with your God-given gifts and spiritual authority in Christ you dominate your sphere of influence. Each and every one of us is chosen for greatness.

*"According as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love"*

Ephesians 1:4

You and I have been chosen in this generation to manifest the nature of King Jesus and His kingdom. If there is a high call in God there must also be a low call. We must refuse to settle for anything less than God's best for our lives, ministries and families. I am a preacher but that is not my calling, it is my assignment. My calling is to be like Jesus and manifest the fruits of the Spirit and gifts of the Spirit to my generation.

*"O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come."* Psalm 71:17, 18

That was David's prayer - that his life would impact his generation in such a dramatic way that others would see God's strength and power through his life. The New Living Translation says *"Let me proclaim your power to this new generation and your mighty miracles to all who*

*come after me."* I often have wondered at the end of my life what my epitaph would say. Will I have left a spiritual mark on this generation? I pray that I will and you will also.

*"I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth."*

Ecclesiastes 10:7

What Solomon saw were the servants of darkness riding the high places and the sons of God walking in the low places. This is not what God has called you and me to. We are called to be the head not the tail, above and not beneath. We are to be the most influential people in our world as sons of God. We are living in a day of reversals when the Lord has promised to turn our captivity. Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew that we are the light of the world, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. Therefore, we are to be the leaders, catalysts and spiritual entrepreneurs of this generation.

As the Joshuas and Calebs of this generation we are to invade our world with the gospel of the kingdom and reshape the ideologies of mankind so that Christ's kingdom can be established in our midst.

*"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever."*

Revelation 11:15

In this present hour God is redefining who we are and what the church's assignment is. Someone asked me what the new face of the church that the Lord is raising up will look like. I said it will look like the face of Jesus. It will look like Him,

speak like Him, love like Him, heal like Him, preach like Him and will be merciful just like He is.

Each and every one of us has been given a specific assignment. Your assignment is not decided but discovered by you. Once you understand your assignment your assignment will change you from one degree of glory to another. The assignment makes the person not the person the assignment. Once Joseph received his assignment given to him by God through a dream he went through a process of preparation that developed the character he needed to fulfill his assignment. Every assignment given to us from heaven will come with many challenges that will equip and prepare us for our assignment.

Trouble is not always an indication one is in sin or out of order. The opposite is true. I have found the greater the suffering the greater the glory.

With every assignment we are given we also need divine favor. Favor only comes to those who receive and move to their assignment. Favor will take a nobody and make him a somebody.

*“But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;”*

I Corinthians 1:27

God never calls the qualified but qualifies the called. He never chooses according to man's standards but according to His own. In this way God receives the glory and not man. God takes common people, touches their life with His holiness and makes them uncommon. Like the Ark of the Covenant God takes wood and pours gold on it. So it is with us. God can change anyone by one touch of His presence and take an unholy life and make them holy.

If you are going through the process of preparation get ready because the Lord has a set time to favor you. Favor is the kiss of heaven upon your life. It is God's attraction to you that releases divine influence through you. At times the process may be long and drawn out. You may wonder where

God is in all of it. Be assured He is in the shadows grooming you for greatness.

Remember the greater the wait the greater the glory.

*“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure.”*

Philippians 2:13

Until you understand and receive changes in your internal state you will never graduate and move to your external state. Look at young David's life. Anointed to be king of Israel but did not immediately run to the throne but went right back to the wilderness to receive the Christ-like qualities he needed to prepare him for his assignment.

*“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before”*  
Philippians 3:13

To press into our destiny we must let go of the past. The problem with many people is they never lay hold of their future because they will not let go of their past. What I have found incredible about the Lord is He abides in our present; he can heal our past and can declare our future all at the same time. All of us have a past that hasn't been very pleasant at times but we must release it to the Lord so we can lay a hold of our future. Our past does not define us.

God's Word does! All the past chapters of our life have redemptive value.

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.”* Romans 8:28

We must perceive our lives through the eyes of heaven if we are to live victorious in this life and fulfill our destiny. What the enemy has done for evil God will use it and turn it for good. Where you've been wounded, abused and plundered is where you are to dominate and have rule over. For example, if sickness has been your battle God

has chosen you to overcome it not only in your own life but also in the lives of others.

*“And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.”*

II Corinthians 1:6

Our misery will become our ministry if we allow the Lord to walk us through the process until we get the victory. Many in the body of Christ at large are being challenged in many areas. Remember you are not in the process for yourself alone but for someone else. We are more than conquerors. We are not just conquerors but more. We come out not only victors but with more in Christ than when we entered the battle so we can give to others in time of need.

Be encouraged during your time of preparation. Preparation is never wasted by the Lord. The

greater the difficulty the greater will be the maturity of your faith when you come through.

It is time to press towards the mark of the prize in Christ. The best is yet to come!



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