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Just Like Me: A Lesson on Calling

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A calling is God's invitation to you to participate with him in a specific way that impacts others and brings him glory.

We discover our purpose by responding to God's call on our life.

Key Question: What has God called me to?

Four Keys to Help Us Discern What God Is Calling Us To

Key #1: Stay Connected to the Caller

1 Kings 19:19 (NIV): So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat...

1 Kings 19:15-16 (NIV): The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet."

Romans 1:7 (NIV): I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people...

Key #2: Be Faithful with Your Field

1 Kings 19:19 (NIV): So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair...

Key #3: Pay Attention to God Moments

1 Kings 19:19-20 (NIV): ...Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah...

1 Kings 19:20 (NIV): ..."Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

Five Ways God Moments Often Occur

A. The Dramatic Call

B. The Progressive Call

C. The Call From Birth

Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV): “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

D. The Gift-Awareness Call

E. The Confirmed-By-Others Call

Key #4: Recognize Calling is About Serving Others

1 Kings 19:21 (NIV): So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate...

1 Kings 19:21 (NIV): ...Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV): “[W]hoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Ephesians 4:1 (NLT): Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.