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MESSAGE NOTES
The End...The Beginning

Jeremiah 1:6-8

Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

'Christian' work is not a specific type of occupation but rather an attitude that sees work not, primarily as a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do. Work is, or it should be, the full expression of the worker's gifts, the thing in which he finds spiritual, mental and bodily satisfaction, and the medium in which he offers himself to God.

-Dorothy Sayers

Each man has his own vocation; his talent is his call. There is one direction in which all space is open to him.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

NOTES:

Part 3: What's My Calling?

Francis Anfuso

Everyone ends up somewhere. Few people end up somewhere _____.

Romans 8:29 (NET)

...those whom He [God] foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image [Gr. likeness] of His Son, that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

No one else has our unique blend of background, history, ancestry, personality, temperament, physical and health attributes, needs, identity, gifting, destiny, and calling...an infinite number of possible combinations. All of us are one-of-a-kind, limited editions, fashioned in the image and likeness of a generous God.

CHRIST'S PURPOSE IS OUR PURPOSE

- To love the _____ (Matthew 5:45)
- To give _____ (John 10:10)
- To fulfill the Father's _____ and destiny (John 5:19)
- To touch the real _____ of people (Luke 5:31)
- To be a _____ in a dark world (Matthew 5:14-16)
- To love, give, serve, honor, and do good (Acts 10:38)
- To _____ with Him and stand for truth (2Timothy 2:12, John 8:31-32)

Ephesians 4:1

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling [KJV "vocation"] with which you were called...

Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus calls Peter and Andrew saying, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Mark 1:19-20


Jesus saw James and John and...called them, and they left their father...and went after Him.

Matthew 9:9


Jesus...saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him.

Luke 19:5

And when Jesus came to the place, He...said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”

 **vo·ca·tion** (*noun*): from the Latin *vocare* (*verb* “to call”). Its usage before the sixteenth century, referred firstly to the "call" by God to the individual. Martin Luther and John Calvin placed a particular emphasis on vocations, or divine callings, as including most secular occupations.

 How does God reveal my personalized “_____?”

 In a myriad of ways: through my interests and _____, my hopes and _____, my _____ and passions (Psalm 139:14).

Romans 12:6-8 (NKJV)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1Corinthians 12:27-30 (NKJV)

Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, after that **miracles**, then gifts of **healings**, **helps**, **administrations**, varieties of **tongues**. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

Romans 11:29 (NKJV)

For the **gifts** [Gr. charisma - grace or gifts denoting extraordinary powers] and the **calling** of God [Gr. an invitation to a feast] are **irrevocable** [NLT “can never be withdrawn”].

2Peter 1:10 (NET)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, make every effort to be sure of your **calling** [KJV “vocation”] and **election** [that **God has chosen you**]. For by doing this you will never stumble into sin.

Romans 15:4 (NET)

For everything that was written in former times was written for our instruction, so that **through endurance and through encouragement of the scriptures we may have hope**.

Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NKJV)

Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born **I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.**”

There are two main faith battles for our calling:

1. Believing in the _____ of our calling.
2. Believing in our _____ _____ in our calling.

Hebrews 5:14 (NKJV)

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.