

Spiritual Care Message:

The word 'call' is used in Scripture to describe the desire of God for every human being to join His life. These three are basic with all other calls in Scripture contingent upon these. They are as follows:

1. The first call is to every human being to come to Him... an awesome invitation, given by the Creator from whom we are separated because of sin. His understanding of our plight (and love for us while we are yet in sin) is expressed perfectly in His words. "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." This is the call from the only One who can grant us the new birth in our spirit which becomes the home of God's Holy Spirit (affecting mind, body, heart, spirit...every facet of our humanity) ...all things become new!
2. The second call is to those who heard and responded to the first call. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me and you will find rest for your soul." This is the call to 'sanctification'...to be set apart and made holy by our new owner. We live under the work of His Seal of ownership, the indwelling Holy Spirit to whom we yield complete obedience (which will affect mind, body, heart)...everything will come under His ownership and loving control...every part of our being is brought under His power to make us over into the likeness of Jesus Christ. This call is contingent on the first call.
3. The third call is to those who experienced the new birth, became His child, and then entered into the second call to be sanctified and made Holy as He is Holy...under the work of the Holy Spirit in us. This call is specific for the one sanctified in Christ and involves every follower of Christ. It involves the ultimate plan of discipleship God has in mind for every born again child of His. It has to do with the details of serving our owner in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is for every follower because serving and discipleship is God's plan for every person who comes to Christ. The location, type of service, living details with dependency always on our Father for His provision and co-laboring with us...it is the work Christ speaks about when He says, "Without Me you can do nothing."

Spiritual Care Message With Prayer

And mixed in with these three basic calls are those CALLS in Scripture for every believer to enable us to be like Jesus Christ...all are found in Him alone; He is the perfect One God wants us to become like in every way, recreated in His Image...as a human being, as one born again and separated and made Holy like Christ, as His servant.

Servant of God. Jesus was servant of God His Father. In the Old Testament, Deut. 6:13, (not called discipleship) we are called to serve: Fear the Lord our God. Serve Him only, and in the New Testament, (discipleship), Matthew 4:10, we are called to serve: Jesus said to him (Satan)...It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'

WORSHIP & SERVE ARE TOGETHER; BOTH ARE INVOLVED KNOWING GOD AS SAVIOR AND LORD. BOTH ARE MATTERS OF OBEDIENCE AND JOY. BOTH PLEASE HIM. BOTH ARE INVOLVED IN BUILDING HIS KINGDOM.

'To the furtherance of the Gospel'

With Prayer:

Father, because I know you are real and you have worked in my mind and heart, I come to you with desire that all three of these calls be made clear and real to me. I desire not only to be your child, but to have your blessing on my life, to be used by you for your purpose and glory and honor in my personal world. Help me to hear your voice, to understand your Word as you give it to me. May the Holy Spirit have His rightful place within me, that I miss nothing you have for me. I bow before you, Father, and submit myself to you without reservations. Amen.

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