

## THE CALL OF GOD - PART 3

God has a call on every single one of our lives.

God's call is NOT an occupation or a destination.

Most importantly, God's call is a call to relationship.

Pursue God, not your destiny, and the God of destinies will bring you into that place.

Everyone has shortcomings or weaknesses, but those do not change God's call on your life.

Those weaknesses help you depend upon God, rather than your own abilities.

Focus on the ability of God, NOT your inability.

David's job was tending sheep which would be equivalent to cleaning toilets today.

It was a job most people would not want to do.

His job was not his calling.

The story of David and Goliath help us work through the process of finding our calling.

If you are going to be faithful to God's great call, you will have to first be faithful in God's call to the little things.

In order to be faithful in spiritual things like spiritual wisdom and insight in the Lord, you must first be faithful in physical things like money.

God wants to graduate you in the call from one level to the next and the next and the next.

### **Things we need to understand:**

1. It's the little things that make us ready for the big things.

God's call does not begin tomorrow or 10 years from now, it begins today.

God calls us to little things first, then bigger things after that.

Don't miss God's opportunities because they look insignificant or look like too much work.

God gives us opportunities all the time to serve someone.

We have opportunities to come to other people's defense.

2. Preparation equals readiness.

Are you getting prepared by spending time with God?

Will you be ready for the next test when it comes?

3. God made you for a purpose.

You were created in Christ to do good works and those start today, not tomorrow.

Your purpose begins right now.

## **Tests from God that David passed and you will need to pass:**

### 1. The servanthood test.

Serve other people.

See other people's needs and meet those needs with humility.

Don't feel like you're too good to do certain jobs.

### 2. The action test.

David was concerned about his father and his father's sheep.

David risked his life for the sheep.

Don't delay a decision until it's too late and the opportunity has passed.

Be prepared to act.

Be more concerned about your Father and His sheep than about the wolves, and the bears and the lions.

### 3. The courage test.

David went after it!

When you take action, there is often opposition that rises up against you.

God will call you to do things you cannot do without His help.

### 4. The honor test.

David gave God the honor, he gave God the credit for what was going to be done.

## **SCRIPTURE LIST**

1 Samuel 16 & 17 (David and Goliath)

Luke 16:10-12

Ephesians 2:10

1 Samuel 17:34-37