

*God Is Calling.
How Will You Answer?*

Here Am I Lord, Send Me.

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Calling Of Individuals

Answering God's Call

When Americans answer the telephone, most of them simply say, "Hello."

I have heard that the response is a bit different in other countries.

- Germans answer a ringing phone with the last name.
- In Denmark, the Danes will answer with both their first and last names.
- Russians say, "I'm listening."
- The curious French say, "Hello, who's on the line?"
- Italians greet caller with "Ready", Who's Speaking.
- The Spanish give the command, "Speak"!
- The Chinese proclaim, "Hey, hey, who are you?"

Just as there are different ways of answering phone calls, there are also different ways to answering a call from God.

God has call each of us to be saints. Romans 1:7

To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Everyone is called into the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

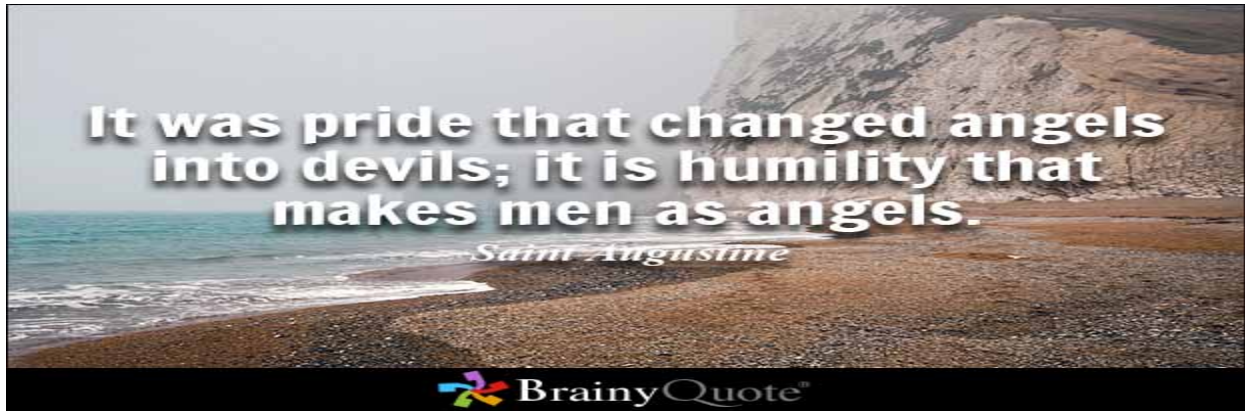
1 Cor. 1:9

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are called according to his grace.

2 Tim. 1:9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,



Those who are called of God have different ways of answering.



The call of Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

When God called him, Abram moved out in faith from Ur to Haran and finally to Canaan. God then established a covenant with Abram, telling him that he would found a great nation. Not only would this nation be blessed, God said, but the other nations of the earth would be blessed through Abram's descendants. Israel, the nation that would come from Abram, was to follow God and influence those with whom it came in contact. Through Abram's family tree, Jesus Christ was born to save humanity. Through Christ, people can have a personal relationship with God and be blessed beyond measure.

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.



Moses saw a burning bush and spoke with God

Exodus 3:4

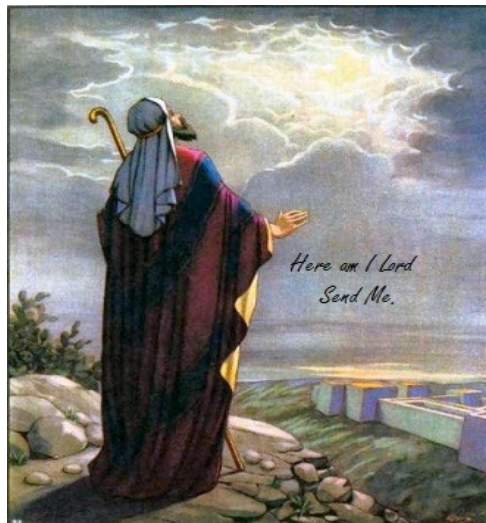
When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."



God Calls Samuel

1 Samuel 3:6

The LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he answered, "I did not call, my son, lie down again."



God calls Isaiah.

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

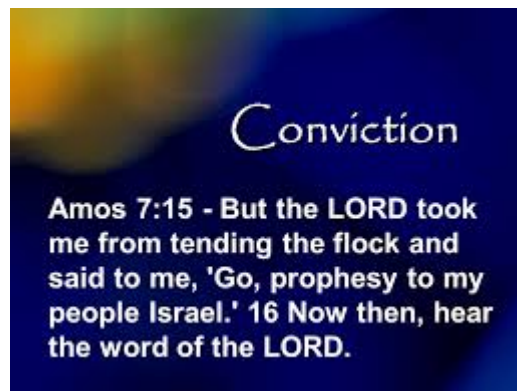
God Calls Jeremiah

- God called Jeremiah to be a prophet to Jerusalem. God tells him that this is what He had planned for Jeremiah even before he was born.
- "Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:4–5, ESV)
- Jeremiah thought he was too young and didn't know how to speak in public.
- "Ah, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 1:6–8, NIV84)



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The Lord calls Jeremiah



The Lord called Amos.

Amos 7:15

"But the LORD took me from following the flock and the LORD said to me, 'Go prophesy to my people Israel.'



The Lord called the fisherman

Matthew 4:19

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Acts 13:2–4 (NLT)

"One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way. So Barnabas and Saul were sent out by the Holy Spirit."

The Lord called Barnabas and Saul

Acts 13:2

While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."



Romans 1:1

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

The Lord calls Ananias

Acts 9:10-16

Ananias

- the Lord called to him in a vision by name & Ananias responds (10)
- the Lord gives him instructions/command (11-12)
- Ananias pushes back; tones of fear. (13-14)
- the Lord makes it clear how important this is, and tells him to “Go!” (15-16)
- Ananias responds, obeys, and follows the instructions.

Moses answered God’s call by saying “Who am I? Exodus 3:1

Gideon answered by saying, “I am the least of my Father’s house.

Judges 6:15

Zechariah answered, "How shall I know this?" Luke 1:18

Isaiah answered, "Here am I. Send me. Isaiah 6:8

How will you answer God's call on your life?

An invitation is given to open your heart's door to Jesus

Rev. 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart, please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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