"God's Calling"

"For consider your calling, brothers..." (1 Corinthians 1:26)

"They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." (Revelation 17:14)

Saved to Serve

Exodus 3:1-5 – (1) "Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. (2) And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. (3) And Moses said, 'I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned. (4) When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' (5) Then he said, 'Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

The Call

Exodus 3:6-10 – (6) "And he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. (7) Then the LORD said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, (8) and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. (9) And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. (10) Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

Cooperative Call

Exodus 3:11-12 – (11) "But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?' (12) He said, 'But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.'"

Contemplations:

Faithful Service Gets God's Attention

"And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?" (Luke 16:12)

God Preserves us to Preserve Others

"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:18)

Everyone of God's people is called to help gather

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." (Matthew 12:30)

We Serve by God's Grace, not by our ability or history

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."

(1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me." (1 Corinthians 15:10)

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