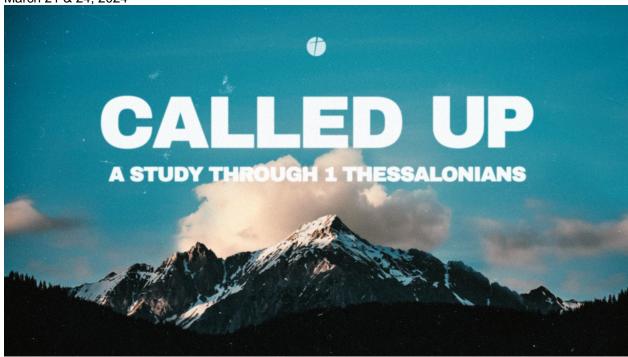
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## Called Up – Week #6 Called Up to Clarity

 Knowing the will of God is always a result of obeying the clear word of God!

## 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (NIV)

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

• Clarity is a result of respecting those in authority over me!

**Exodus 20:12 (NIV)** 

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

## Romans 13:1 (NIV)

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

- Maximum freedom comes in surrender to authority!
- What authority figure am I currently disrespecting?
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 (NIV)

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

- Clarity is a byproduct of relational unity!
- Who around me am I called to encourage?

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16 (NIV) Rejoice always,
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV) pray continually,
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18a (NIV) give thanks in all circumstances;
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18b (NIV) for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
  - Clarity is a byproduct of worship!
  - What has interrupted my worship?
- 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (NIV) Do not quench the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:20 (NIV)

Do not treat prophecies with contempt

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 (NIV) but test them all; hold on to what is good, <sup>22</sup> reject every kind of evil.

- Clarity is always a result of worshipping in spirit and truth!
- I can't know the will of God apart from being in the Word of God!
- How am I currently quenching the spirit?
- What word am I currently rejecting?
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28 (NIV)

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. <sup>25</sup> Brothers and sisters, pray for us. <sup>26</sup> Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup> I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. <sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Clarity is a result of no hidden compartments!

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NIV)

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

- I can't live in spiritual impurity and have spiritual clarity!
- The will of God is simply that I become God's property!
- What is one area of my life that I have kept off limits to the Lord?