



## **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?**