

What is God calling me to do? What is my purpose? These are common questions for those who follow Jesus. Scripture tells us that every follower of Jesus is called. That calling may be big or habitual, vocational or seasonal, or discovered over time, but it will always lead you closer to Jesus. This week, we explore how to understand and live into God's calling in our lives.

DAILY STUDY

MONDAY: Ephesians 1:18-19

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."

God's call on your life is rooted in hope, identity, and power. When we begin to see with the "eyes of our hearts," we discover we are God's inheritance—treasured and empowered. What part of your life needs to be re-centered around God's hope, power, and calling?

Prayer: God, open the eyes of my heart. Help me see the purpose and power you've placed in me. Teach me to trust that your calling is for me. Amen.

TUESDAY: Ephesians 1:19b-21

That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

The same power that raised Christ is working in you. Your calling isn't about your own strength or importance; it's about being connected to Jesus and sharing his love with those around you. How does knowing that God's resurrection power lives in you shape how you approach your purpose?

Prayer: Jesus, your power gives me life. Remind me that I don't walk alone. Shape my calling through your strength, not mine. Amen.

WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 2:9

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

We are all called to experience, witness, and express God's goodness. Calling isn't just about what you do, it's about who you are, and each of us is meant to share the light of Christ with the world. What part of your story, what skills, or what passions can you share to help others see the light of Christ?

Prayer: God, thank you for showing me your light. Let my life shine. Amen.

THURSDAY: Isaiah 64:8

"Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."

God shapes each of us. While we think we need to have our life all put together to follow God's call, it's more important that we are available and moldable. God wants to form us into who we are called to be. In what ways is God shaping you right now and how can you cooperate with that process?

Prayer: Father, mold me. Help me let go of control and trust the work of your hands. I want to become the person you're forming me to be. Amen.

FRIDAY: The Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

The Wesley Covenant Prayer is a bold prayer of praise and surrender. Following God's call and the way of Jesus means surrendering to love, and trusting that God is with you in all things. What does it look like for you to say "yes" to God today?

Prayer: Use the Wesley Covenant Prayer

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. What's a time in your life when you felt clearly "called" by God? If you haven't experienced a clear call, can you describe a time where you felt the prompting of God to do something?
- 2. Why do you think we often struggle to believe that we are all called, not just pastors or missionaries?
- 3. How can we help each other listen for and respond to God's call in everyday life: at work, home, and in our community?