

WEEK 1: DISCOVER YOUR CALLING BIBLE READING PLAN

Day 1: Qualify the Called

Read Exodus 3:1 – 4:17

Moses felt incredibly unqualified for the call God placed on his life. He had tried living out his calling on his own, killing an Egyptian to free an Israelite, and fled into the desert when his sin was discovered. He was working for his father-in-law, had been in the desert a long time, and had a stutter. But God still called and used Moses — and provided everything he needed to accomplish the task. God doesn't just call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

How have you felt unqualified to be used by God?

Day 2: Never too Young

Read Jeremiah 1:1-19

Jeremiah was roughly 17 years old when God called him to be a prophet to the children of Israel — much younger than any prophet at that time. Jeremiah was concerned that he was too young, too inexperienced to be used in such a powerful way by God. God's response: "don't say, 'I am too young.'" You are never too young to be used by God in powerful ways. It only takes a willing and obedient heart.

Where have you felt too young to be used by God?

Day 3: Immediate Obedience

Read Genesis 12:1-9

Abraham received the call of God at the age of 75. He was already well into his life, had a home, a wife, lived close to his entire family, and had made a name for himself in the community. Then God shows up, and tells Abraham to pack everything up...and move. This wouldn't have been an easy decision for Abraham, yet he instantly obeyed God's voice, and was blessed because of it.

What is God calling you to do right now that you need to obey?

Day 4: Power in the Mundane

Read Acts 6:1-8

Stephen received a unique calling — helping to oversee the daily distribution of food among believers. Some may have seen this calling as mundane. He wasn't one of the apostles, he wasn't an in-demand preacher, he didn't even have a huge following, but he faithfully carried out God's call on his life — and God used him to perform miracles. What others saw as mundane, Stephen saw as an opportunity to be used by God.

How can you turn mundane activities into an opportunity to bring God glory?

Day 5: Life Altering Call

Read Acts 9:1-19

The call of God on Saul — who later became known as Paul — drastically changed his life. He went from persecuting Christians to being persecuted as a Christian. He faced imprisonment, shipwreck, poisoning, stoning, beating, and torture. And yet, God used him to reach thousands of people for Christ. God's call isn't always neat and pretty. Sometimes it alters our lives dramatically and brings hardship and pain. No matter what the call entails, God promises this: if we faithfully obey the call, He will use us to impact the lives of others.

How might God be trying to use the hardships in your life to draw others closer to Him?

Day 6: Positioned for Influence

Read Esther 4:1-17

Esther didn't receive her calling in a typical way — she had been taken from her home, brought before king Xerxes, and made his wife. She didn't choose her calling and, for the most part, didn't want her calling. But when a plot arose to eradicate all the Jews in the kingdom, Esther found herself in a unique position — she had the position to influence the person in power. God often places us in positions, whether it be in organizations at college or jobs after college, to have a greater influence in changing the world for Him. Esther used her position for God, and saved the lives of her people.

What positions do you currently hold that God might want to use to bring change into people's lives?

Day 7: Opinions of Others

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13

David received a pretty powerful call from God — he was anointed by Samuel the prophet to be the next king of Israel. It was a call no one, not even Samuel, thought David was capable of. His own father left him in the field tending sheep when the prophet arrived. Samuel thought David's brothers would make great kings. David himself was surprised by the call. Often, the people closest to us don't recognize or believe we are truly called by God — but that doesn't negate the call on our lives. Others may not see the call or believe the call on your life, but God does, and His opinion is all that matters.

Who's opinion do you need to stop listening to in order to discover the call of God on your life?

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