

# called

discovering and living out your life's purpose

## WEEK 3: GO OUT IN YOUR CALLING BIBLE READING PLAN

### Day 1: Trust the Promise

*Read 1 Samuel 17:41–51*

By the time that David came face to face with Goliath, he had come to know God. He knew God's promise to Israel and believed in that promise for himself. Even though everyone around him thought he was crazy and the situation looked intimidating, David remembered God's promise to always be with him. God's promise allowed David to run out to meet Goliath.

**What promise has God made to you?**

### Day 2: Persistent Calling

*Read Jonah 1*

God actually spoke His calling for Jonah in the most obvious way possible – yet Jonah turned the opposite direction and tried to run from the Lord. But God was not willing to let Jonah go so easily. Even though it took a storm, a mutiny, and three days in a fish, God renewed His call on Jonah's life. Though Jonah had once tried to mess up God's plan, God still allowed Jonah to carry out his mission.

**How has God been patient in calling you?**

### Day 3: Unquestioning Obedience

*Read Matthew 9:9–13*

Matthew was minding his own business. He was a tax collector, and that day was just like any other. Then Jesus walked up and told Matthew to get up and follow Him. Matthew could have asked many questions. Where? Why? Who are you? But in that moment, Matthew did not think twice – he immediately got up and followed Jesus. Matthew's unquestioning obedience to Christ led him to change the world. **How can you overcome the questions that keep you from following God's call?**

### Day 4: Into the Unknown

*Read Matthew 14:22–23*

It was 3 a.m., the disciples were caught in a storm, and they thought they were seeing ghosts. In all of this, Jesus called Peter out of the boat and onto the waves. No one had ever done what Jesus was doing — and yet Peter got up and walked toward Christ. As he walked, however, he saw the wind and waves and doubted. Even then Christ reached out and pulled Peter out. Christ can overcome the doubts of anyone committed to following Him.

**Is God's calling leading you into the unknown? How can you take those doubts to Him?**

### Day 5: At Great Cost

*Read Genesis 22:1–18*

God called directly to Abraham and gave him an intense mission: to sacrifice his beloved son. As crazy as it was, Abraham got up the next morning to follow God's call. Even though he did not understand why God would ask for his son in such a way, Abraham put faith in God, believing that God might even raise his son from the dead. Because Abraham was willing to follow God's call, God blessed him greatly.

**What will it cost you to follow God's call? Do you believe God can provide for you?**

### Day 6: Every Day

*Read Luke 9:23–27*

Jesus reminds us that following His call requires great sacrifice, but He also reminds us that this sacrifice must be made every single day. The challenges of following God's call will come every day, but Jesus offers words of encouragement to sustain His followers through the daily pain of following. To sacrifice ourselves every day might seem difficult and intimidating, but Jesus reminds us that those who wish to please God must be willing to shoulder their crosses every day.

**How can you ask God to give you strength to follow Him every day?**

### Day 7: Never Alone

*Read Isaiah 58:6–9*

God reminds His followers in Israel that obedience to Him and following His call has a great reward. In telling the Israelites, God reminds them that He will heal them and come to them in times of distress. When they call out to Him, He will answer and remind them that He is near. Even as Israel goes forward to try and follow God's call, He never leaves and promises to reward those who are loyal to Him.

**When has God helped you follow Him? How can you ask Him to be near in the future?**

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