

**Title: Owing the Call**  
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## The hope of His calling

### **Ephesians 1:15-18**

<sup>15</sup>Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup>do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup>the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling...

## His calling on your life

### The ownership issue

- It's holy
- It's settled before you arrived
- We're called by grace
- It's irrevocable

### Aligning your heart

- Know His will
- Know His ways
- Recognize His hand
- Avoid entanglement
- What is hidden in your heart

## Called to follow

### **Mark 1:17**

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## Called to change

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## Called to abandon

### **Luke 9:23**

<sup>23</sup>Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

### **Luke 18:18-23**

<sup>18</sup>Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup>So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is,

God. <sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ <sup>21</sup>And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” <sup>22</sup>So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” <sup>23</sup>But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

### **Called to suffer**

#### **1 Peter 2:19-21**

<sup>19</sup>For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

### **Called to serve**

#### **Luke 16:12**

<sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own?

### **Keep at it**

#### **Galatians 6:9**

<sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

#### **Romans 3:23-24**

<sup>23</sup>And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, <sup>24</sup>knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

### **Own the call**

#### **1 Corinthians 1:1**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God...