

CALLED TO SERVE HEAVEN'S MISSION

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Isaiah 49: 1-7, (CSB) — Coasts and islands, listen to me; distant peoples, pay attention. The Lord called me before I was born. He named me while I was in my mother's womb. 2 He made my words like a sharp sword; he hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me like a sharpened arrow; he hid me in his quiver. 3 He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

4 But I myself said: I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and futility; yet my vindication is with the Lord, and my reward is with my God. 5 And now, says the Lord, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him so that Israel might be gathered to him; for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God is my strength—6 he says, "It is not enough for you to be my servant raising up the tribes of Jacob and restoring the protected ones of Israel. I will also make you a light for the nations, to be my salvation to the ends of the earth." 7 This is what the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, says to one who is despised, to one abhorred by people, to a servant of rulers: "Kings will see, princes will stand up, and they will all bow down. because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel—and he has chosen you."

1. God **CALLED** His **SON** to serve His mission.

1. Jesus was **CALLED**

[Revelation 13:8](#), (NKJV)— the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

[Matthew 1:21](#), (CSB) — She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

John 14: 10, (NKJV)—Jesus speaking, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works."

John 1: 10-13 (NKJV)—He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

2. Jesus was **COMMISSIONED**

[Luke 19:10](#), (NKJV)— for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

3. Jesus was **CHOSEN**

Luke 3: 22, (CSB) — And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

2. God has called YOU to FOLLOW in Jesus' steps. – vs. 1-4

1 Peter 2: 21, (CSB) — For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

Ancient definition of a disciple: "THE SHADOW OF THE RABBI!"

1. God has given you HIS MESSAGE to share.

Mark 16: 15-16, (CSB)—Jesus speaking, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

2. Your TIME is NOW!

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- 3 R's we have learned in this quarantine:
 - REMOVE our IDOLS
 - REPRIORITIZE our LIVES
 - REPRESENT GOD

3. You are called FOR HIS GLORY!

4. God will CARE for you!

3. God has COMMISSIONED you for His mission. – vs. 5-7

1 Peter 2: 9-10, (CSB)—, But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

4. God has CHOSEN you. – vs. 7

John 15: 15-16, (CSB)—Jesus speaking, "I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain."

The Big Take-Away:

Will you say YES to Jesus and SERVE Him?

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Philippians 2: 5-11, (CSB) —Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, 6 who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. 7 Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, 8 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. 9 For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow— in heaven and on earth and under the earth— 11 and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

To accept Jesus today, just pray a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen

Did you pray to receive Christ today? If yes, then let us know. Text "**NEXT**" to **573-340-4037**

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