

The Call

Welcome to Pearl Family Church

At Pearl Family Church we are here to help you grow into everything God has created you to be as you discover that you are the pearl of great worth.

Matt. 13:45-46 (WNT) the Kingdom of the Heavens is like a jewel merchant who is in quest of choice pearls. He finds one most costly pearl; he goes away; and though it costs all he has, he buys it.

Songs

COUNT ME IN

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VERSE 1

One more step, one more exhale
As I follow where You lead
Feel my heart as it's racing
Down the path You set for me

VERSE 2

When the road feels unending
There's a promise You reveal
When these days leave me empty
You sustain me even still

PRE-CHORUS

With every breath
You are reviving these burning lungs
You keep me going when I can't run
God be my strength till the work is done

CHORUS

I won't let the race overtake me
Won't let anxiety phase me
Whatever comes, count me in
Count me in [Here am I lord – send me!] (Is. 6:8).
Oh, even when my legs are weary
I'm not gonna give up that easy
Whatever comes, count me in
Count me in

VERSE 3

I trip up and You catch me
Then You lift me up again

You direct every footstep
You are with me till the end

I Lift My Hands Up Ryan Williams © 2013 River Valley Music

Verse 1:

My heart is singing
For You've been faithful – (James 1:17; Heb. 11:6).
My heart is reaching
reaching out to You

Verse 2:

My soul is bursting
Because Your holy – (Is. 6:3; Rev. 4:8). **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,**
which was, and is, and is to come."

My soul is rising
rising to give praise

Chorus:

I lift my hands up
I lift my hands up
It's all I can do
To show that I love You, God
I love You, God
I lift my hands up
I lift my hands up
It's all I can do
To show that I need You, God
I need You, God

Verse 3:

My heart is thankful
Because You saved me
My heart is resting
resting in Your love

Verse 4:

My soul is standing
On Your promise
My soul is sure
Sure that You are God

Chorus

Bridge: (x2)

Teach me how to worship You
Teach me how to worship You
Show me how to pray like You
Our Father, in Heaven

"For The Sake Of The Call" - Steven Curtis Chapman - 1990 by Sparrow Records

We will abandon it all for the sake of the call
No other reason at all but the sake of the call
Wholly devoted to live and to die for the sake of the call

Nobody stood and applauded them (apostles)
So they knew from the start
This road would not lead to fame
All they really knew for sure
Was Jesus had called to them
He said "come follow Me" and they came
With reckless abandon, they came

Empty nets lying there at the water's edge
Told a story that few could believe
And none could explain
How some crazy fishermen agreed to go where Jesus lead
With no thought to what they would gain
For Jesus had called them by name
And they answered...

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The sake of the call

Drawn like the rivers are drawn to the sea
There's no turning back, for the water cannot help but flow
Once we hear the Savior's call, we'll follow wherever He leads
Because of the love He has shown
And because He has called us to go
We will answer...

We will abandon it all for the sake of the call
No other reason at all but the sake of the call
Wholly devoted to live and to die

Not for the sake of a creed or a cause
Not for a dream or a promise
Simply because it is Jesus who called
And if we believe we'll obey

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For the sake of the call
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No other reason at all
We will abandon it all
No other reason at all
We will abandon it all *[fade out]*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoCgp8dVarA>



This was the title track of Christian Contemporary musician Steven Curtis Chapman's fourth album.

Prior to the recording of the album, Chapman had been immersing himself in some classic literature. He recalled in CCM Magazine presents 100 Greatest Songs In Christian Music: "I was asking myself a lot of questions about what I do. Like, what does it really mean to call myself a Christian, a follower and disciple of Jesus Christ?" Chapman came across a book called The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Said Chapman: "I think it took me a year to read it, because I'm a slow reader and it's a very deep book. But it really challenged me; it was one of those times in life where God just took me by the hand and said, 'Alright, come on; I'm taking you somewhere you've never been before.' And he really did that with that book. As I was reading it, I found a passage that talked about the fact that the disciples didn't follow Christ for the sake of a great cause or a dream. It was simply because Jesus said, 'Come, follow Me.' They recognized that He was more than just a man. And though it didn't make sense to anyone, maybe even to themselves, they responded for no other reason than that He had called. I finally began to understand that to me, that's what it means to follow Jesus Christ."

<https://www.songfacts.com/facts/steven-curtis-chapman/for-the-sake-of-the-call>

Honorary Doctorate - On May 7, 2011, Chapman received an Honorary Doctorate of Music from Anderson University and was the commencement speaker for the class of 2011.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steven_Curtis_Chapman

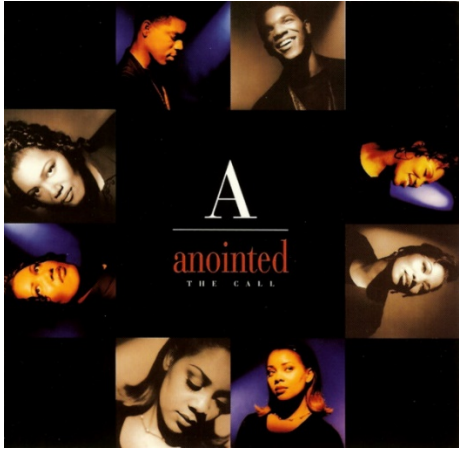
Anointed - The Call – 1995 (Written by Ashanti S. Douglas, Irving Domingo Lorenzo, Marcus Vest)

It was on a day like no other
Seeking your face when I discovered
My life was no longer my own, but yours
Then I heard you say, "Go and tell them
To open your heart, let me in and I will supply your every need."
Then I cried, "Lord, I don't know if I can do it."
"You will find your strength in me. Only believe."
Then I said, "What if I fail? I just couldn't take it"
He said, "I have given you my ability."
For the sake of the call
I am laying down my all
No turning back
Moving straight ahead
I'm on the right track
And it's all for the sake of the call

Sister, let me encourage your heart
Brother, leave doubt behind, stay your part
Know that he's with you, yes, he's there all the time
You may feel like you can't go on any longer
Though you are weak, remember he's stronger
Through Him you can do most anything
You might cry "Lord I don't know if I can do it"
You will find your strength in him only believe
You might say, "What if I fail? I just couldn't take it."
He has given you the ability
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Daily I press toward the mark for the prize
Of the high calling of God in Jesus our Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdlBZoU3D4E>



The Spirit Of The Lord Is On Me - Keith Moore

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zAleCYvZ_k

- **Now it's time to worship with our giving.**

Leviticus 27:30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD.

Matt. 11:15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Rev. 2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

2 Thess. 3:6-12 **GW** Brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we order you not to associate with any believer who doesn't live a disciplined life and doesn't follow the tradition you received from us. You know what you must do to imitate us. We lived a disciplined life among you. We didn't eat anyone's food without paying for it. Instead, we worked hard and struggled night and day in order not to be a burden to any of you. It's not as though we didn't have a right to receive support. Rather, we wanted to set an example for you to follow. While we were with you, we gave you the order: "Whoever doesn't want to work shouldn't be allowed to eat." We hear that some of you are not living disciplined lives. You're not working, so you go around interfering in other people's lives. We order and encourage such people by the Lord Jesus Christ to pay attention to their own work so they can support themselves.

Col. 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Called to work <https://www.theologyofwork.org/key-topics/vocation-overview-article>

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

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Is. 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Is. 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

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In 1980-81, I was called to preach. I was on my way to Bob Jones University to visit a friend from our choral youth singing group on a college weekend event to visit the campus and spend some time with my friend and his family. I was a Christian at age 15 and had been let's say a little ornery in my younger years. I had the honor to view the movie "Sheffy" while I was there on reel to reel. <https://www.unusualfilms.com/10-2/sheffey/>

Immediately after it was over, I believe it was my friends parents said to me "what's wrong." I replied, "I don't know, but I know all I want to do is preach." And that decision was final. It wasn't bad pizza; it was a call from the Lord. Many years later I found out there was a young couple who led the nursing home ministry was praying for me and more than likely the call upon my life. For that I am truly thankful.

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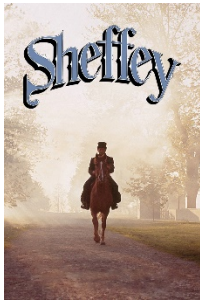
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- So, I would say this should be required viewing for those who consider the call of God upon their life.

What If – Kevin Sorbo (Actor), John Ratzenberger (Actor), Dallas Jenkins (Director, Producer)



<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1468387/>
https://pmd205533tn-a.akamaihd.net/eSalt_Media/987/283/What%20If%20Discussion%20Guide.pdf
Sheffy



<https://www.unusualfilms.com/10-2/sheffey/>
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0278031/>

2 Tim. 2:20-21 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

2 Tim. 2:20-21 GNB In a large house there are dishes and bowls of all kinds: some are made of silver and gold, others of wood and clay; some are for special occasions, others for ordinary use. Those who make themselves clean from all those evil things, will be used for special purposes, because they are dedicated and useful to their Master, ready to be used for every good deed.

2 Tim. 2:19-21 WNT Yet God's solid foundation stands unmoved, bearing this inscription, "THE LORD KNOWS THOSE WHO REALLY BELONG TO HIM." And this also, "LET EVERY ONE WHO NAMES THE NAME OF THE LORD RENOUNCE ALL WICKEDNESS." Now in a great house there are not only articles of gold and silver, but also others of wood and of earthenware; and some are for specially honourable, and others for common use. If therefore a man keeps himself clear of these latter, he himself will be for specially honourable use, consecrated, fit for the Master's service, and fully equipped for every good work.

The first verse of the Book of Isaiah states that Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of Uzziah (or Azariah), Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, the kings of Judah (Isaiah 1:1).

Is. 1:1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Uzziah's reign was 52 years in the middle of the 8th century BC, and Isaiah must have begun his ministry a few years before Uzziah's death, probably in the 740s BC. Isaiah lived until the fourteenth year of the reign of Hezekiah (who died 698 BC). He may have been contemporary for some years with Manasseh. Thus, Isaiah may have prophesied for as long as 64 years.

What the Call is – and what it is not

- **The call to work (Col. 3:17; 2 Thess. 3:10 GW).**

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- **The call to reach the world for Christ (Mark 16:15; John 3:16; 1 Cor. 1:9).**

Gal. 3:13-14 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 Cor. 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Eph. 1:13-14 (NIV) And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

- **The “anointed” call (Is. 61:1-3; Matt. 9:36-38; Luke 4:18-19; John 3:31-36 Message; Eph. 4:10-12).**

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Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Matt. 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Matt. 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

Matt. 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

- **Jesus is interceding for us**

Rom. 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

- **Jesus had the Spirit without measure**

John 3:31-36 Message

³¹⁻³³ “The One who comes from above is head and shoulders over other messengers from God. The earthborn is earthbound and speaks earth language; the heavenborn is in a league of his own. He sets out the evidence of what he saw and heard in heaven. No one wants to deal with these facts. But anyone who examines this evidence will come to stake his life on this: that God himself is the truth.

- **Abide in Jesus and bear much fruit**

John 15:3-9 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

³⁴⁻³⁶ “The One that God sent speaks God’s words. And don’t think he rations out the Spirit in bits and pieces. The Father loves the Son extravagantly. He turned everything over to him so he could give it away - a lavish distribution of gifts. That is why whoever accepts and trusts the Son gets in on everything, life complete and forever! And that is also why the person who avoids and distrusts the Son is in the dark and doesn’t see life. All he experiences of God is darkness, and an angry darkness at that.”

- **A son knighted (in active anointed) specific service to and by the king**

A Knight's Tale (2001) - Sir William Scene (9/10) | Movieclips

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95N85bGdzw4>

A Knights Tale (script excerpt).

“What a pair we make, huh?

Both trying to hide who we are.

Both unable to do so.

Your men love you.

If I knew nothing else about you, that would be enough.

But you also tilt when you should withdraw.

That is knightly too.

Release him.

He may appear to be of humble origins...

...but my personal historians have discovered...

...that he descends from an ancient royal line.

This is my word.

And as such, is beyond contestation.

Now...

...if I may repay the kindness you once showed me.

Take a knee.

By the power vested in me by my father, King Edward...

...and by all the witnesses here...

...I dub thee...

...Sir William.

Arise...Sir William.

Can you joust?

There's my tournament to finish.

Now, are you fit to compete, or shall the forfeit stand?

I'm fit.

At once.

Thank you, my lord.

All hail Prince Edward!"

John 3:34 GW The man whom God has sent speaks God's message. After all, God gives him the Spirit without limit.

Eph. 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.

Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph. 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

- **volunteer**

Psalms 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

- **The anointing and the anointed ones**

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eph. 2:8-9 for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory.

- **Adam hid himself from God**

Gen. 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Is. 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

2 Thess. 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

- **Adam relinquished control over to the little god of this world**

2 Cor. 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

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Heb. 9:20-22 (ASV) saying, *This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded to you-ward.* Moreover the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry he sprinkled in like manner with the blood. And according to the law, I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission.

Heb. 9:13; 10:14 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

- **This is your moment.**

Rom. 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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- **If you are serious about receiving Jesus - tap the raise hand tab.**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Rom. 8:32-34 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth. Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Ps.16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

This is your moment. Pray where you here it with your own ears and the whole church will pray along together with you...

"HEAVENLY FATHER, I COME TO YOU IN JESUS NAME. AND I BELIEVE WITH ALL MY HEART THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. HE DIED ON A CROSS TO BEAR MY SIN STAIN. AND I NOW OPEN THE DOOR OF MY HEART. I OPEN THE DOOR OF MY LIFE AND JESUS I INVITE YOU IN. I RECIEVE YOU NOW JESUS TO BE MY SAVIOR AND TO BE MY LORD. THANK YOU FOR COMING. I'M NOW A CHILD OF GOD. AND MY SIN IS WASHED AWAY AND I'M HEAVEN BOUND. AND JESUS IS MY LORD, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN."

IF YOU HAVE PRAYED WITH ME, JESUS HAS COME INTO YOUR LIFE AND HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU. FIND A GOOD CHURCH TO HEAR GOD'S WORD AND TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.

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