

The Call - 13

Your Name Speaks Life and Character

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

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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

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

Ghost – MercyMe

There's a ghost

There's a ghost inside of me

Not like those draped in ol' bedsheets

Saying "trick or treat"

Different

Oh this ghost is different

Not one that leaves me scared to death

But one that puts my fear to rest
Oh-oh-ohhhh, oh-ohh
Holiness keep haunting me
Oh-oh-ohhhh, oh-ohh
You're my hope, You're my peace
Ironic in a way
I'm no longer afraid
And the ghost is to blame
There's a ghost
There's a ghost inside of me
Not something from some campfire story
Where I'm terrified to sleep
Opposite
This ghost is quite the opposite
He came just like a welcomed friend
I was comforted
Oh-oh-ohhhh, oh-ohh
Holiness keep haunting me
Oh-oh-ohhhh, oh-ohh
You're my hope, You're my peace
Ironic in a way
I'm no longer afraid
And the ghost is to blame
I'm not afraid
I'm not afraid!
No longer afraid
Lead me through the darkness

Lead me through the unknown

Oh-ohh, lead me

Holy Ghost

Lead me through the darkness

Lead me through the unknown

Oh-ohh, lead me

Holy Ghost

Lead me through the darkness

Lead me through the unknown

Oh-ohh, lead me

Holy Ghost

Lead me through the darkness

Lead me through the unknown

Oh-ohh, lead me

Holy Ghost

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

Heb.11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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.

Ps. 35:27 The Lord has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.

John 16:13 I am led by the Spirit and have Godly wisdom; therefore I make wise and prosperous financial decisions.

John 10:10 Jesus came that I might have life abundantly.

Deut. 28:8,12 The Lord has opened His good treasure to me and blessed all the works of my hands. He has commanded the blessing upon me in my storehouse and all that I do.

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Ministry Is . . . Living Up to Your Name

Prov. 22:1-2 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

A Biblical Description of Ministers and Their Members

Interestingly, when God wants to reinforce a particular characteristic or attitude by which He would like the church to comply, He will change the word church in a particular passage of Scripture and refer to the church by a different name, a metaphorical name, in order to describe specifically how He would have us behave within the body of Christ. It's true. Fortunately, God doesn't do it just because we are being disobedient children. Actually, He does this in the Scriptures as a teaching tool for us so that we will really inculcate God's teaching about how we as believers should behave within the body of Christ.

This is a common practice in the Scriptures and should be duly noted when it occurs. When it does, we should ask ourselves, "What character is to be portrayed in this given situation?" It is a useful technique. God chooses particular names to teach us character, and often these names create a vivid picture in our minds of the attitude or action God wants from us.

Let's first take a look at an example of this technique used in the Bible to help us understand the amazing character of God. Have you ever thought about what the names of God really are in the Bible? Meaning, if you pay close attention to the names of God in the Bible, you quickly notice that they are not necessarily names of God at all, but rather they are descriptions of His character in that particular story, situation, or scenario in the Bible. Often the description will begin with the words, "The Lord our" or "I am God who" Here are some examples to consider.¹

Descriptions ("Names") of God

- **"Jehovah Jireh" (Gen 22:14): "The LORD will provide"**

This name of God was used when God provided Abraham a sacrifice instead of having to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham proclaimed the truth that God is a wonderful provider.

- **"Jehovah Rapha" (Exod. 15:22– 26): "I am the LORD who heals"**

God's character was witnessed by Moses and the people when they were extremely thirsty during their wanderings after leaving Egypt. They finally found water in Marah, but it was too bitter to drink. So, Moses called out to the Lord for water to heal their dry, parched bodies. God performed a miracle in turning the bitter water into drinkable water. After the miracle God told Moses to "keep your eyes continually on me because I am the God who heals you."

¹ Earley, Dave, et al. *Ministry Is ...*, B&H Publishing Group, 2010. ProQuest Ebook Central, 182-183.

- **“Jehovah Shalom” (Judges 6:24 NIV): “The LORD is peace”**

Gideon attributed this description or “name” to God while he was hiding his crop from the Midianites and Amalekites. These foreigners were always ravaging and stealing the crops of the Israelites. During this time Gideon was having a pity party saying, “I know God wants me to fight them, but God has forsaken me!” So, God Himself visited Gideon and said, “Peace to you. Don’t be afraid, for you will not die” (v. 23). Gideon then asked if God could prove that He had actually visited him. So, God agreed not to depart from Gideon until Gideon built an altar of worship to the Lord. As promised, when the altar was completed, God increased the fire to consume the meat and unleavened bread. After God did this, He departed from Gideon. As soon as all this happened, Gideon declared, “So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it Yahweh Shalom. It is in Ophrah of the Abiezrites until today” (v. 24). The name of the altar, “Yahweh Shalom” means “the Lord is peace.” Many more examples of God’s character are depicted by the various “names” attributed to Him in the Bible. It makes for a wonderful study! When God in the Bible diverts from His normal pattern of referring to Himself as “the Lord” or “God” and adds descriptives such as “Provider” or “Healer” or “Peacemaker,” then we should take note that He is describing how He will act toward us! This is how God manages our expectations of Him. This is who God is and how He will always act toward us. In the same way, when God chooses to refer to us in ways other than as Christians or believers, we ought to take note that He is describing what he expects of us. He is doing this to reinforce the character that He requires of each member of His church.²

Ministry Is . . . Keeping the Obedience Bar High

- **It must be obedience or nothing because, Jesus learned obedience.**

Heb. 5:8-10 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchizedec.

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.

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Discipline Builds Disciples

Waylon Moore wisely concluded, “Since it takes a disciple disciples, the chain of multiplication begins with you.”³

Obedience on Display

Paul believed that teaching spirituality was so much more than lecturing behind a pulpit that he actually instructed the churches in which he ministered to watch him and model his

² Earley, Dave, et al. *Ministry Is ...*, B&H Publishing Group, 2010. ProQuest Ebook Central, 183-184.

³ *Ibid.*, 190.

actions. His offer to have the churches observe him was not offered out of pride or out of compulsion; rather he understood that it is incumbent upon a minister of the gospel to set the example of personal holiness.

To the church at Philippi, Paul instructed them to observe him: “Join in imitating me, brothers, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us” (Phil 3:17). To Timothy and the church at Ephesus, Paul offered himself once again to be the reference point of Christian conduct: “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing those from whom you learned” (2 Tim 3:14). To the church of Corinth, Paul explicitly states that they should follow his example: “Just as I also try to please all people in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I also am of Christ” (1 Cor 10:33-11:1).⁴

God desires that all ministers back up their speech, sermons, devotionals, and their performance of all formal ministerial duties with a life that practices the truth prior to the preaching of it. Performance of duty without character is unacceptable to God.⁵

The Call - Thursday 2/4/2021 5:15 AM

I woke up after I got a text back from a friend. I had obeyed God to get him some donation info. The place I served, as an associate pastor, the senior pastor said the first time I preached “man can he preach.” And said, “passionate” at least 5 times in context of my preaching. The anointing. Write that book. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me (Is. 61:1-3). And ask those pastors what does that mean to you, how does that make you feel and what do you really want to do right now? If the answer that you want to preach and there is nothing that can get in your way because God is in it, then keep reading. The unstoppable call of our Lord Jesus. The gifts and calling are without repentance (Rom. 11:29). Yes, it was the original call directed the Hebrews. With the Hebrew race taking the tabernacle of witness with ark of the covenant as symbols of God’s love and power as two pieces of the big picture of His love and provision to the world (Ps. 16:11; Acts 7:44). And yes, the Hebrew race was Gods first choice first bride as adorned race to bring His light and provisional teaching to the world. However, they left Gods first love again and again and He got tired of it and turned to the Gentiles who were hungry for the truth and that’s where we are and were grafted into His love and commissioned, appointed, and called to “carry” His covenant and become His tabernacle of witness (Matt. 5; Rom. 11:17-24). A unique bargain He has placed within us as vessels of light or decanters of His love to pour out His drink offerings of His love once more into the lives of “many” others to replicate His love and activate others into and for His glorious kingdom building process (2 Kings 16:13). Called His calling of the called to equip and uplift the fallen into His glorious and rewarding service (Heb. 11:6). What a privilege and an honor to be in His tender service. Yes, trying and it may seem bleak at times when no one has your back. Be He is still there rooting for you in the fight (1 Tim. 6:12). Yes, it is at times very intense spiritual and fleshly induced spiritual warfare. However, we have this treasure in earthen vessels the Jesus God inside of “us” (2 Cor. 4:7). And

⁴ Earley, Dave, et al. *Ministry Is ...*, 191.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 192.

the honor is all ours and yours if you are called like me into to His glorious and wonderful miraculous service (Job 5:9). No, we may not be of any hint of a bloodline of the Hebrew race. But His calling is His final Word that you cannot shake, hinder, or get away from. It is a permanent fingerprint of Divine excellence of His love upon us (Ps. 139:13-16). His personal and royal DNA that authenticates us into action known as the call of God to preach His truth on a man or woman's life. It is something that is unstoppable. You could say it is the unstoppable divine call on your life. There is nothing else you want to do. It is your life's defining moment and "call" upon your life. It really is His voice moment when He speaks that love call into to your being and it cannot be revoked because His Word does not return void (Is. 55:11). You could say Gods irrevocable love command personally delivered by Him gently or in some cases like Saul who later was sir named Paul into His service to us honored to be more than just a son or daughter into His service (Rom. 11:29; Acts 13:9). So, let us together take His glorious light, liberty, and love to all who will take it to all the bases in life so they too can make a home run and catch fire "many" on their way to home base (James 1:25). We to are covenant called and a chosen race a royal priest hood with crowns on our heads distinguished sons and daughters commission to go forth anointed to share His good pleasure and truth (Ps. 16:11: 1 Pet. 2:9). We are the covenant promised people of Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3). So, don't you think for a minute that God almighty is for a moment left you without purpose within His called chosen people. You are heirs of the promise because of the bloodline of Jesus. And your seal of the promise because of that blood speaks to you called the Holy Spirit Jesus (Eph. 1:13). He has promised to never leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5). He is more than that down payment. We 17 are a treasured prized passion of His love (Deut. 7:6). The Father redeemed us through His dear Son and the price was His life. Better yet it was His blood that still speaks (Rev. 12:24). They, you, and I the called still overcome daily and moment by moment by the blood of the Lamb and our word of our testimony (Rev. 12:24). So, you can see that we are now the tabernacle of witness, and we are the ark of His love carrying His blood covenant of love to all who will hear it (Matt. 9:36-38; Mark 16:15; Acts 7:44). So, press on. He has your back (Josh. 1:6-9). Be strong and very courageous. You have His Word, His commission, His blessing, His covenant, His back, His anointing, His love deposit, His activation, His prayers, His call. Rise up, rise up! Go forth with His promised personalized wisdom you covenant chosen priesthood man or woman of God and go and breathe life on thousands of thousands (Gen. 24:60; Rev. 5;11). I congratulate you on your courage to go forth. You will find nothing on this earth or anywhere else will satisfy you until you do His call upon your life. Go forth Holy anointed one. Yes, that's right you are holy and anointed. May you boldly say the Spirit of God is upon me.... Is 61:1; Luke 4:18.⁶

- **Come Home to Jesus today.**

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

Eph. 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

⁶ Rev. David Nazarewicz

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.

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- **This is your moment. Pray where you hear it with your own ears and the whole church will pray together with you along – so now pray along with Pastor Dave...**

"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 RECEIVE 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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GOD HAS AN AMAZING PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE. THANKS FOR PRAYING WITH ME TODAY. GOD BLESS YOU!

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Rom. 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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