



We're on a semester-long journey through this great book of the Bible. We've discussed various aspects of God's call upon your life for a few weeks. Today, we will continue along that line of thought. We will discuss "God's Work in Your Life on the Way to Your Calling." In other words, God's preparation in your life as you go to the next season of what He wants you to do.

Key Passage: Exodus 4:18-31

Discussion Questions:

1. How does knowing that God is preparing you now for a future calling help you in your current situation? How does this encourage faithful obedience in your life?
2. Think about the life of Moses. In what ways did God specifically prepare Moses? In what way is God preparing you?
3. Corrie ten Boom once said, "Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives, is the perfect preparation for a future that only He can see." How have the people in your life helped prepare you? How has God provided you with a mentor or a friend to support your calling?

God brings people alongside us who can help in our calling; they have different gifts and experiences; they may be mentors, family members, or co-workers.

4. In Exodus 4:24-26, it was mentioned in the message that Moses was disobedient to God's request made in Genesis 17:10, requiring that His covenant people be circumcised. Moses' son had not been circumcised. God desired to deal with Moses' disobedience before He used him. Is there an area of disobedience in your life that needs to be dealt with?

God uses our experiences to sanctify, mature, and push us forward in our purification for the calling He has on our lives.

5. How would you describe this idea of purification before calling or sanctifying? How have you experienced this in your life? How does purity and obedience matter in the life of God's servants?

The Bible teaches us that God is concerned about the purity and obedience of His servants, which is why God will often use your calling to push you forward in your sanctification.

6. What was the spiritual truth mentioned concerning pain? How does it encourage you during difficult times that God never wastes your pain?

A simple spiritual truth for you: God never wastes your pain. If you're "in the woodshed" with God right now, he may discipline you and prepare you for your next calling/season in life. While in this challenging season, be sure to shift your mindset to consider how your present circumstances may be good signs in your life. Ask yourself these questions: Are there things left undone in my life? Are there areas of disobedience I've yet to put under God's authority in my life? What a great day to get right with God! What a great day to submit and surrender to His purifying process in your life!

7. When did you last say, "Lord, I am yielding to you?" Are you yielding daily to the leadership of the Holy Spirit? When you have done this consistently, how has God shown up powerfully?

Remember, God fills in the gaps in our calling. He knows where we are weak and meets us in those places. How? The Holy Spirit and the help of other people. As Christians, we must always be mindful that we have the Holy Spirit living within us. This is why Pastor Nick often reminds us of our need for the filling of the Holy Spirit as we move through our lives. Furthermore, we need to consider how we're yielding to the Holy Spirit within us as He prompts us to step out in faith or to follow His lead and stay put.

8. The overall theme of this message has to do with trust. How would you rate your trust in the Lord on a scale of 1 to 10? (1 = a complete lack of trust and 10 = complete and total trust in the Lord.) In what ways are you trusting God today and with your future calling? How can we pray for you as you seek to trust in the Lord wholeheartedly?

1. Will you trust that He's preparing you for your calling?
2. Will you trust that He'll give you what you need to fulfill your calling?
3. Will you trust that He sees your affliction?