

FOLLOW THE LEADER



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Call: When God takes the initiative to invite and include us in his plans.

⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and **gave us** the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and **entrusting to us** the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are **ambassadors** for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

How to Respond to God's call:

❖ Be willing

Now the LORD said to Abram, “**Go** from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

Genesis 12:1

38 And whoever does not take his cross
and follow me is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10:38

How to Respond to God's call:

❖ Start walking

² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:2-3

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him,
and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five
years old when he departed from Haran. **5** And
Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's
son, and all their possessions that they had
gathered, and the people that they had
acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the
land of Canaan. When they came to the land of
Canaan,

Genesis 12:4-5

⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 12:6-7

How to Respond to God's call:

❖ Keep walking

¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹ When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, ¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and **that my life may be spared** for your sake.”

Genesis 12:10-13

¹⁴ When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵ And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁶ And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

Genesis 12:14-16

17 But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18 So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go." 20 And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

Genesis 12:17-20

17 Fear not, for I am with you, do not be
dismayed, for I am your God; I will
strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold
you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

God is calling:

How will you respond?

How to Respond to God's call:

- ❖ Be willing
- ❖ Start walking
- ❖ Keep walking