

CALLING / VOCATION:

What's the most important truth you have ever learned?

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Exodus 35:30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name **Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;** **Exodus 35:31** And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; **Exodus 35:32** And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, **Exodus 35:33** And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. **Exodus 35:34** And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. **Exodus 35:35** Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

Exodus 36:1 Then wrought **Bezaleel and Aholiab**, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded. **Exodus 36:2** And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it: **Exodus 36:3** And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning. **Exodus 36:4** And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made; **Exodus 36:5** And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make. **Exodus 36:6** And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. **Exodus 36:7** For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much. **Exodus 36:8** And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work made he them.

What do we learn about calling / vocation?

(1). God called him by name

The Bible uses the language and concept of calling in 3 ways. All 3 ways are used of / for the Christian:

A. Universal call(ing): the call for & to all people to come to salvation

Matthew 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: **for many be called, but few chosen.**

Matthew 22:14 **For many are called, but few are chosen.**

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

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.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, **Come.** And let him that heareth say, **Come.** And let him that is athirst **come.** And **whosoever** will, let him take the water of life **freely.**

B. Effectual call(ing): the **actual** call of God to salvation of the elect

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

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

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed **from him that called you** into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Galatians 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, **and called me by his grace,** **Galatians 1:16** To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

2 Timothy 1:9 **Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 5:24** **Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.**

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning **chosen** you to salvation **through** sanctification of the Spirit **and** belief of the truth: **2 Thessalonians 2:14** **Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

C. Particular call(ing)

1 Corinthians 7:17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, **so let him walk.** And so ordain I in **all churches.** **1 Corinthians 7:18** Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. **1 Corinthians 7:19** Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, **but the keeping of the commandments of God.** **1 Corinthians 7:20** Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. **1 Corinthians 7:21** Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. **1 Corinthians 7:22** For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. **1 Corinthians 7:23** Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. **1 Corinthians 7:24** Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, **therein abide with God.**

(2). God called him to create

Gold, silver, bronze, stones, wood...

To build the tabernacle

To build beauty

To build beautifully

(3). God called him, gifted him, and empowered him!

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This is most precious:

What God calls us to do

God also gifts us to do

And God also empowers us to do

(4). God called him with other people

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Thoughts:

- There is always a team
- A team working together
- A team called by God
- A team with great diversity of gifts, personalities, abilities, perspectives...but still a team!!!

(5). God called him to create for God

For both time & eternity

Exodus 31:7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, **Exodus 31:8** And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, **Exodus 31:9** And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot, **Exodus 31:10** And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, **Exodus 31:11** And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.