

I am Called

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

Intro: bringing calling near

The Call of Moses:

Exodus 3:4 - *When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."*

The Call of Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 1:4-5 - *Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,*
⁵ *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,*
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Specific calls find their place within general calls.

The Call of Abraham:

Genesis 12:1-3 - *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. 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. 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 15:1-6 - After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

God calls us to himself.

1. God Calls

'The Hound of Heaven'

Psalms 23:6 - Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

'It is a pursuit, patient but purposeful, affectionate but relentless.'

R. Moffat Gautrey, quoted in *Why am I a Christian*

The mouse's searching for the cat

2. God calls to Himself

The Summons

- Calling death back to life (John 11)
- Calling of authority (Isaiah 43:1)
- Called to him (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

'To this he called you'

3. Apprehending God

'We apprehend the physical world by exercising the faculties given us for that purpose, and we possess spiritual faculties by means of which we can know God and the spiritual world if we will obey the Spirit's urge and begin to use them.'

A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

Spiritual Faculties:

- Worship
- Words
- Work
 - *Service - Romans 12:1*
- Walk

