

The Jesus Calling

Mark 1: 16-22

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The Hypostatic Union

- God the Son became a man.
- 100% God. 100% Man.
- Philippians 2:5-11
 - “Made himself nothing”
 - Kenosis: emptied
 - He didn't empty Himself of His deity or divine attributes.
 - He emptied Himself of His unveiled heavenly glory.

JESUS

Calling...



Decline
Are you sure?



Accept
And trust Him!

Verse 16 -20

The Jesus Calling: Invites you to be part
of His plan

God always initiates, not humans

“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”

Luke 19:10

Who does God seek?

ALL!

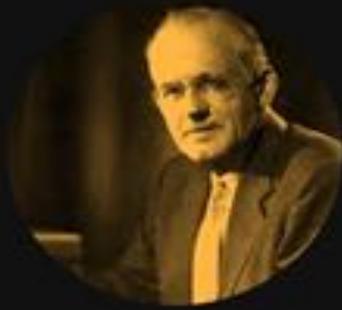
John 12: 32

Titus 2: 11

1 Timothy 2: 4

God prepares you for a mission; life challenges and difficulties prepare you for YOUR mission!

REMEMBER: God is working all things out according to the counsel of His will



“It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until he has hurt him deeply.” God actually rises up storms of conflict in relationships at times in order to accomplish that deeper work in our character. We cannot love our enemies in our own strength. This is graduate-level grace. Are you willing to enter this school? Are you willing to take the test? If you pass, you can expect to be elevated to a new level in the Kingdom. For He brings us through these tests as preparation for greater use in the Kingdom. You must pass the test first.”

~ AIDEN WILSON TOZER

God calls – *you respond* – **God tests** = *this is the sequence of events!*

The tests and the trials have a purpose – your maturity, your growth – **James 1:4**

All who yield to God's plan are in Holy Spirit graduate school, mentored by the Holy Spirit

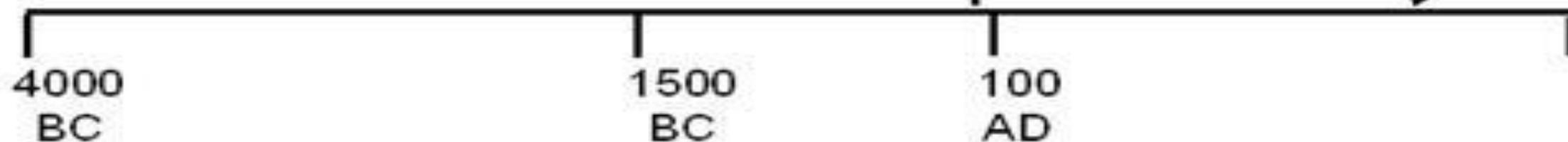
A school of continual learning, growing in the grace and knowledge of our Savior

← "For ever, O LORD, Thy Word is settled in heaven." Psa 119:89 →

Revelation - to Adam, Abraham,
Moses, David, Prophets, Apostles

Inspiration
of writers

Illumination
of You



Preservation
of Scripture
via copies +
translations

Those called leave the comfort of the known to venture into the unknown

The call is to follow, not to be a FAN of Jesus, but to FOLLOW Jesus!

not a fan.

COMPLETELY. COMMITTED **FOLLOWER**

Not a fan of Jesus means moving beyond being a casual admirer, *a fan*, who likes Jesus from a distance, to becoming a fully committed disciple – *a FOLLOWER!*

The call of God will always require ***FOLLOWING*** and ***DENYING!***
Luke 9: 23

REMEMBER:

The Comforter is with you always

Life is a ton better when we ***FOLLOW*** Jesus

Verse 21 - 22

The Jesus Calling: And the mission



Jesus' pattern was going to the synagogue to teach on the Sabbath Day

Hopefully, your pattern is to go to Church and be taught on Sunday

The Church (the ekklesia) are a called out of the world sacred assembly to worship God

God's desire is for His people to meet, to encourage one another, to not give up, to not be distracted, to stay on MISSION!

Jesus seized the opportunity to teach; the sense is Jesus rushed forward to teach

Seize the moment, “*Carpe Diem*”, seize the day!

When God orchestrates, seize the day!

Seize the day - while it is day, hear Jesus:

“We must quickly carry out the tasks (mission) assigned to us by the One who sent us. The night is coming and then no one can work.” John 9: 4 (NLT)

***“They were astonished at His teaching”* – PREACHING WAS JESUS’ MISSION!**

Do not underestimate the power of the spoken Word!

**FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND
ACTIVE. SHARPER THAN ANY DOUBLE-
EDGED SWORD, IT PIERCES EVEN TO
DIVIDING SOUL AND SPIRIT, JOINTS AND
MARROW. IT JUDGES THE THOUGHTS AND
INTENTIONS OF THE HEART.**

- HEBREWS 4:12

Jesus' mission was teaching, first and foremost!

Mark mentions teaching 20 times

Closing

The Jesus Calling and you

Jesus' calling is an invitation to join Him, to follow Him, to be part of His kingdom

Those who choose to follow are changed; they are never the same

I don't know how God can use messed up lives and make them new, BUT HE DOES!

Go ask them - all they can say is, *"I was once this, now I am that - CHANGED!"*

The world cannot explain what happens to a believer, family cannot explain, friends cannot explain

All a person can say, *"Once I was this and now I am that, CHANGED BY THE MASTER!"*

The Jesus calling changes lives!

Jesus gives hope!

Jesus gives life!

JESUS IS CALLING – CAN YOU HEAR HIM?

LISTEN FOR HIS VOICE!

JESUS IS SPEAKING – COME!

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11: 28-30