

## Devotion Info

### A Calling Story

#### DAY 1 Read Luke 5:32, John 12:32, John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9, Revelation 22:17

*I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.” Luke 5:32 NLT*

*And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” John 12:32 NLT*

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NLT*

*The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.  
2 Peter 3:9 NLT*

*The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life. Revelation 22:17 NLT*

- What do these passages teach us about God’s heart to call all mankind to Himself?

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#### DAY 2 Read 2 Timothy 2:1-4

*Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don’t get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. 2 Timothy 2:1-4 NLT*

- What does this passage teach us about God’s desire for us to be sanctified (holy) and live differently than the world around us?

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### DAY 3 Read 2 Timothy 1:9

*For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 1:9 NLT*

- What does this passage teach us about God's desire for us to be sanctified (holy) and live differently than the world around us?

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### DAY 4 Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

*[1] Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. [2] For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.*

*[3] God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. [4] Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor— [5] not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. [6] Never harm or cheat a fellow believer in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. [7] God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. [8] Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.*

*[9] But we don't need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another. [10] Indeed, you already show your love for all the believers throughout Macedonia. Even so, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you to love them even more.*

*[11] Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. [12] Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 NLT*

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**DAY 5 Read Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10**

*[13] For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.*  
Galatians 5:13 NLT

*[10] God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.* 1 Peter 4:10 NLT

- Do you know what spiritual gift(s) God has given you?
- Do you have some idea of how God might be calling you to use your spiritual gift(s) to serve others in life?

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