Call To Duty

“Will you be ready when God calls you?”

Romans 8:28-30

“And we know all things work together for good to those who love God to those who are the called according to his purpose.”

“For He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

“Moreover who He predestined, these He also called; whom he called, these He also justified, and whom He justified; these He also glorified.”

Let’s take the opportunity to examine these scriptures so that we may go a little deeper into what it means to be called by God.

In v.28 the scripture says:

All things work together for good to those who love God and to those who are called according to His purpose meaning that everything is going to work out in your favor if you love and obey God’s word and His purpose for your life. Do not ignore the call but embrace the call with all of your heart.

In v.29 the scripture says:

For He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His son meaning that God already had a plan and purpose for you even before you were even conceived or formed in your mother’s womb. God already placed a calling on your life before your very first thought of what you wanted to be when you grew up.

In v.30 the scripture says:

Who he predestined these he also called; whom he called; these he also justified whom he justified; these he also glorified meaning that God is going to bless and protect you if you obey the calling He has placed on your life. Your calling will not be in vain rather it will glorify God.

It is important to note that your calling does not necessarily mean that you are called to preach. God can use you in many different ways but the way he uses us is by the level of commitment that we have towards him. It is our obedience, our faith, our trust in Him that will determine how on what level God is going to use you to carry out his will. Also, understand that when you are called by God to carry out a particular plan you are making a lifetime commitment and you belong to Him.

Let’s think about when a person enlists in the armed services whether it be the air force, army. Or the navy that they are making a commitment to the United States Government that they will serve this country to the best of their ability and obey rules and regulations.

Think of God as the United States Government recruiting you as a soldier to defend the Gospel of Jesus Christ by carrying out various missions to help spread the Gospel. No matter what obstacles, challenges, or dangers you might face along the way, God requires your commitment. Just like soldiers in the armed services we as Christians must also be willing to sacrifice our lives just as Christ sacrificed himself for us.

Are you ready to answer the call of God?

Notable biblical figures that were called to duty:

Rehab – called to be a soldier, sent spies to another place to keep safe from the enemy

Abraham – called to be a father and a blessing to many nations in which we have become heirs to the promise

Moses – called to deliver the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt

Gideon – called to deliver the children of Israel of out of the hands of the Midianites

Apostle Paul – called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ

John The Baptist – called to be the witness of the light which is Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ – called to the savior of the entire world

Notice that everyone who was called was not called to be a preacher but God had a purpose for each and every one of these individual and was with them every step of the way.

Their journey was not easy and each one faced doubt of their own ability to carry out God’s plan but they remained obedient to what God was trying to do with them. Although they were hesitant to accept the call to duty, they embraced it with the trust that God would justify what they were called to do.

Neither of them thought of themselves as worthy to carry out His plan but God accounted them faithful and more than worthy to be among his chosen. Each one faced challenges and adversity but was able to rise above them knowing that God would carry them through.

Know that God is calling you to do great things and what may not seem as a significant task, everything that you do for God glorifies the kingdom and always has a significant purpose.

I am excited and overjoyed to be a soldier for Christ, and I give my life every day for the Gospel in which I live my life. Are you willing to do the same?

I know that with this calling means there will be adversity, there will be obstacles, there will be attacks from every side but I know that everything will work together for good because I was called by God and I am ready for the call that he has placed on my life. Will you be ready to answer the call?

With God all things are possible…….

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