







# HIGHER AIM

## A Call From Peter

*Answering The Call | Part 1 | 1 Peter 1:1-2*

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What can you learn about servanthood from Peter's example that he set in following Jesus?
2. How does your perspective on life change knowing this world is not your home?
3. What is one practical way you can live to be a blessing to others this week?

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## A Call To Hope

*Answering The Call | Part 2 | 1 Peter 1:3-12*

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Do you consider yourself a hopeful person? Why or why not?
2. How would you define the difference between hope and faith?
3. When was a time you chose to have hope even when your circumstances seemed hopeless? How did God come through for you in this situation?

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## A Call To Holiness

*Answering The Call | Part 3 | 1 Peter 1:13-21*

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How would you define “grace” in your own words?
2. What is something about your old life that you need to cut out of your life now as you’re trying to follow Jesus and walk the path of holiness?
3. Do you struggle to prioritize what the Lord thinks over what other people think? Why do you think that is?

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## A Call To The Bible

*Answering The Call | Part 4 | 1 Peter 1:22-25*

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Do you regularly read your Bible? If not, what is keeping you from doing so?
2. How has God's Word changed your life?
3. Is there someone in your life who doesn't believe the Bible is true? If so, how can you show the love of Christ to them and pray for them this week?

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## **A Call To Jesus and The Church - Part 1**

*Answering The Call | Part 5 | 1 Peter 2:1-12*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. Is there part of your past that you have yet to turn your back on since you made the decision to follow Jesus? If so, how can you begin to let that go?
2. Would you say that discipleship is important to you at this stage in your walk with Christ? Why or why not?
3. When was a time you looked to another person or to the church instead of looking at Jesus? What was the result of that decision?

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## **A Call To Jesus and The Church - Part 1**

*Answering The Call | Part 5 | 1 Peter 2:1-12*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. How does what the Bible says about you differ from how you see yourself?
2. Is there anything inside your heart that needs to be addressed and realigned with the heart of God?
3. How confident are you that people can tell you're a Christian by the way you act, think, and speak?

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## A Call To Submission

*Answering The Call | Part 7 | 1 Peter 2:13-25, 1 Peter 3:1-7*

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Do you find it difficult or easy to live a submissive lifestyle?
2. Which of the ways of living in submission do you need to work in your own life?
3. When was a time you suffered because of your choice to follow Jesus and be obedient to Him? What did you learn from that situation?

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## **When Is It Right To Resist?**

*Answering The Call | Part 8 | 1 Peter 2:13-17*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. When was a time you witnessed civil disobedience for the sake of Jesus Christ?
2. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt the tug of the Holy Spirit to resist? How did you respond?
3. What can you learn from the people in Scripture who chose to follow God over submitting to the world's demands?

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## **The Ten B's of Godly Living - Part 1**

*Answering The Call | Part 9 | 1 Peter 4:1-19*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. How can being different as a Christian make a difference in the lives of other people?
2. Which of the six aspects of being different comes pretty naturally for you? Which is the most difficult?
3. What is one practical step you can take this week to be different in the way you live your everyday life?

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## **The Ten B's of Godly Living - Part 2**

*Answering The Call | Part 10 | 1 Peter 4:1-19*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What is one practical step you can take this week to be more astute?
2. Would you say you have a keen awareness of what is right and wrong according to God's Word? Or do you find yourself easily swayed by the beliefs and behaviors of those closest to you?
3. How is your prayer life right now? Is there something you can do to deepen and strengthen your prayer life?

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## **The 10 B's Of Godly Living - Part 3**

*Answering The Call | Part 11 | 1 Peter 4:1-19*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. When was a time you tried to love someone even though they got under your skin or frustrated you? What was the outcome of that decision?
2. Would you consider yourself a loving person? A hospitable person? Why or why not?
3. How can you take a step towards hospitality and opening your home to someone this week so that you can open the door for conversation about their life and their relationship with Jesus?

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## **The 10 B's Of Godly Living - Part 4**

*Answering The Call | Part 12 | 1 Peter 4:1-19*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. How are you currently serving others in obedience to Christ?
2. If you're not currently serving in some capacity, what is holding you back from doing so?
3. Which of the ministry gifts that Dr. Dodd spoke of are you strongest in? How can you use those gifts to serve the Lord and minister to others?

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## **The 10 B's Of Godly Living - Part 5**

*Answering The Call | Part 13 | 1 Peter 4:1-19*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. Do you find it hard to be joyful when your circumstances are difficult? How can you lean into the joy you have in Christ when life is hard?
2. When was an instance where you were surprised by tough times after you became a Christian?
3. Which of the 10 B's of Godly Living do you want to start working on more diligently as you follow Christ?

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## A Call To Fearless Living

Answering The Call | Part 14 | 1 Peter 3:13-22

### INTRODUCTION

Many believers don't know what it means to live fearlessly. If there is anyone who has the encouragement and the right to live fearlessly, it is believers. But what does it look like to live fearlessly? That's exactly what we're going to look at in today's message.

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### KEY POINTS

#### 1. A Fearless Heart

In verses 13 -15, we realize that living fearlessly calls for a fearless heart. This passage is very interesting when it says, "You should not be afraid of anyone." In fact, the Scripture says, "Do not be frightened of them."

We are not to fear other people. Don't allow the truth of Scripture to be hidden from other people. You need to enter into the conversation and be willing to stand up for what you believe in fearlessly. Do not be afraid of what other people may think of you, even though they might defame you or say untrue things about you. Stand firm in your faith and embrace the fearlessness that is yours through the Holy Spirit.

#### 2. A Fearless Voice

In verse 15, the Scripture says, "Be prepared to give an answer... Always be able to give an apology for the hope that is in us." We are not apologizing for the hope. We are not saying, "I'm so sorry that this hope is in me," but rather we are giving a defense of what that word means. "Apologetics" means to give a defense for the hope that you have. In other words, we are to have a spoken, verbalized defense for what we believe. This is what it means to have a fearless voice.

#### 3. A Fearless Resolve

You may not suffer for doing right, and you might not pay a price with your life for standing on the Word of God. However, you may. The heat in our culture is getting hotter and hotter. I really believe the pushback in our culture is drawing the battle lines as never before.



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## **A Call To Fearless Living**

*Answering The Call | Part 14 | 1 Peter 3:13-22*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. Do you struggle with being fearless when it comes to your faith? Why or why not?
2. Have you made a fearless proclamation of your faith through baptism? If not, what is holding you back?
3. How can you practice having a fearless voice and talking about the hope you have in Christ?

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## A Call To Leadership (Part 1)

*Answering The Call | Part 15 | 1 Peter 5:1-4*

### INTRODUCTION

The Bible has a lot to say about leadership. More specifically, we can learn about how to lead people well by watching how Jesus led people. So over the next couple of weeks, we're going to discuss several biblical truths surrounding leadership so that we can learn how to be godly leaders.

### KEY POINTS

#### **1. God's leaders should always be team players.**

A mature leader realizes that they can't do it all. It is a healthy thing to have teams. Many people burn out in ministry because they try to do it all by themselves. The reality is that none of us can do everything. All of us must get a chance to share a small part here and there. Regardless of what you do in ministry, you have a responsibility to develop team leaders as well as to lead others.

#### **2. God's leaders must act like shepherds.**

The relationship between shepherds and sheep in biblical times is well known. Sheep were more than a business. They were treated like family and many sheep would spend their entire lives under the care of one shepherd.

The Bible talks about the sheep knowing the shepherd's voice. When Jesus says, "My children know My voice," it is describing this beautiful, wonderful relationship between a shepherd and his sheep. The sheep knew their shepherd would protect them, that he would make sure they had plenty of food, plenty of cool water, and ample shade when it was time to rest. We as leaders should have this same mentality when it comes to how we think about the people we're leading.

#### **3. God's leaders must have willing hearts.**

The Scripture says that God wants His shepherds and His elders to lead with a desire and a want to lead. They should not be leading because they feel pressured to lead. People follow other people who enjoy serving.

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## **A Call To Leadership (Part 1)**

*Answering The Call | Part 15 | 1 Peter 5:1-4*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. Would you consider yourself a team player? Or do you find it difficult to delegate and lean on others?
2. What is a practical example of shepherding others like Jesus did?
3. Do you have a willing heart to lead? Or do you often feel guilty or shamed into positions of leadership?

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## **A Call To Leadership (Part 2)**

*Answering The Call | Part 16 | 1 Peter 5:1-4*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. When was a time you faced an ethical dilemma? How did you respond?  
What did you learn from that situation?
2. Are you passionate about where/how you're serving right now? Why or why not?
3. How can you set an example for other believers this week as you are "becoming" a leader?

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## **A Call To The Right Attitudes (Part 1)**

*Answering The Call | Part 17 | 1 Peter 5:5-11*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. Would you consider yourself to have a teachable spirit?
2. Which of the six things listed above do you need to work on the most when it comes to developing a teachable spirit?
3. Do you have someone in your life who is older and wiser than you that you can learn from? How can you continue to foster the relationship with this person?

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## **A Call To The Right Attitudes (Part 2)**

*Answering The Call | Part 18 | 1 Peter 5:5-7*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. Are you quick to applaud and thank others who teach out things? Or is that something you find difficult to do?
2. When was a time your pride got in the way of you receiving guidance and wisdom from others?
3. What is a practical way you can check your attitude each day to make sure it's in the right place?

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## **A Call To The Right Attitudes (Part 3)**

*Answering The Call | Part 19 | 1 Peter 5:5-11*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What has been your personal experience with anxiety?
2. How often do you pray about the things that are making you anxious?
3. Is there anything you're holding on to that is directing you away from the Lord? If so, what is one step you can take this week to let that thing go?

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## **A Call To The Right Attitudes (Part 4)**

*Answering The Call | Part 20 | 1 Peter 5:8-9*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. How does it feel to know you're currently in a spiritual battle?
2. What does it look like practically to be alert and of sober mind?
3. How has the enemy tried to use fear against you? What can you learn from those situations?

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## **A Call To The Right Attitudes (Part 5)**

*Answering The Call | Part 21 | 1 Peter 5:5-11*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What are some examples of the defensive weapons you can use against the enemy?
2. Who is in your family of faith?
3. Which of the three steps at the end of this message do you want to work on in the coming weeks?

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## **A Call To Suffering**

*Answering The Call | Part 22 | 1 Peter 5:8-11*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. How have you experienced suffering in your own walk with Jesus?
2. How has your suffering strengthened your relationship with the Lord?
3. How does knowing Jesus suffered help you and encourage you during your own seasons of suffering?

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