Title: What to do with a call from God!

Scripture Reference: Acts 9:1-9 (New International Version)

The Big Idea:

My answer must be YES when God calls

1st Slide

And what is 'the' call or 'a' call from God?

 a word or an assignment that gives direction to a specific person or thing to help fulfill its purpose

2nd Slide

Examples of a call from God

Moses- Tell pharaoh let my people go, at the burning bush (Exodus 3)

Isaiah- hear but do no understand, see but do not perceive, heart harden, ear close(Isaiah 6:1-9)

Jeremiah- to uproot and tear down to destroy overthrow, to build and plant (Jer. 1:4-9) (Jer. 29:11)

Ezekiel- call to a rebellious people (Ezekiel 2)

3rd Slide

1st Point

The call from God is not easy, and the process is difficult.

Acts 9

- Verse 3 (Acts 26:13-14)
 - When God speaks to Saul, light from heaven appears brighter than the sun! Blinding Him and causing everyone to fall down
- Verses 5-6
 - When God speaks to Saul, he gives him a STEP, not an entire plan
- Verse 9
 - Saul is blind, following God and strict fasting for 3 days.

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2nd Point/Question

What about others around you, when you are called? (THEY ARE ALL WATCHING YOU)

- Family(support)
- Friends, peers (be an example) 9:7-8 11:25
- Mentors/colleagues (learn from their example). Mature in the faith 9:10-19

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3rd Point- Comment

The results of going after the call of God are LIMITLESS Paul Stats:

- -Paul wrote over 3/3 of the New Testament
- -Became an Apostle (after direct call from God)
- -Impacted and still impacting lives

Conclusion/ Altar Call

Let's write our own story of following God and His leading. If you need prayer for strength to follow God and to answer his call, Altar is open.

- -What is God calling you to do?
- -What do you hear the voice of God saying to you?
- -Are you ignoring an idea, desire or skill that you possess?