



### (EPHESIANS 4:1-6; Part One)

The closer you get to the Lord Jesus Christ the more your heart, mind, and soul will be captivated by Him. For example, the Apostle Paul described himself as a *captivated prisoner of the Lord* (Ephesians 4:1). You see, Jesus is not *just someone* we are to learn about in church and read about in the Bible. Rather, the whole truth is, Jesus is God! He is **THE SOMEONE** we are to pattern our lives after. Here's how His closest friend, the Apostle John, put it to us: *Those of us who say we are in an actual relationship with God will visibly prove it by walking through this life living like Jesus walked through this life* (1 John 2:6). And here in Ephesians 4:1, when Paul tells us to *walk worthy of the calling*, he's telling us the same thing his fellow apostle, John was telling us. Specifically, Christians are to live **walkin' the walk of Jesus**. Today we're going to discover what that looks like and how to go about it. Honestly, this is the best way to live!

## REMEMBERING THE CALL (v.1)

\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ Wants \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ ! \*\*

## RECOGNIZING WHAT THE CALL LOOKS LIKE (vv. 2-3)

1. **H** \_\_\_\_\_

(1 John 1:8) Proper ...

(Matthew 3:17) Proper ..

(Job 42:5-6) Proper ...

2. **G** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **P** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **F** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **L** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **U** \_\_\_\_\_

7. **P** \_\_\_\_\_

## REASONS & RESOURCES FOR LIVING THE CALL (vv. 4-6; Part Two)

### FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor John's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. What are some human organizations & institutions that require their members to pledge to a "calling" (formally and informally) and genuinely adhere to it? Why do such groups have a calling and why does it matter that those involved in these groups follow the calling? Now read aloud Ephesians 4:1-6 from two or three different translations. Paul tells us that we have a calling given to us by God. Specifically, what is that calling? Why does it matter that Christians realize that ... (1) our calling from God rises above all other callings? and (2) us keeping this calling from God is vitally crucial to His church, your spiritual life, the lives of those you love, and the wellbeing of our society as a whole?

2. PJ said that "*livin' life on your own terms is a dead-end street*" and that "*walkin' the walk of Jesus is the best life.*" Do you buy into those statements? Why or why not? How have you experienced the truth of both these statements personally? How can we help other folks see these two truths and either come to faith in Jesus Christ as Savior (if they are not believers) or commit to greater faithfulness to Jesus Christ as Lord (if they are believers)?

3. So what is *humility* and why is it so foundational to coming to faith in Christ and then continuing to follow Him on a daily basis? What is proper self-awareness, proper Christ-awareness, and proper God-awareness ... and what do they have to do with humility? Does this much talk about *humility* mean that God wants us to feel bad about ourselves all the time, or does He have another purpose in mind for wanting us to remain humble? What are the benefits of humility?

4. In Ephesians 4:1-3 we learned about **seven** qualities of our calling, of what it looks like to be *walkin' the walk of Jesus*. How have you seen and experienced these qualities in the lives and actions of other believers? Which of these qualities do you sense the Holy Spirit talking to you about, on a personal level, in terms of your own need for growth? As each person in your group shares, stop right there and then, and a couple of you pray for your brother or sister and the area they want to have growth in.

5. In his closing statement, PJ stated that God's call upon your life is ... *most definite* ... *your greatest blessing* ... *prep work for Heaven*. What makes each of these concepts true for your life today?