

Dangerous Prayers - Part 3 - Here I Am
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Three Responses to God's Call

1) Jonah: "Here I am. I'm NOT GOING."

²"Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are."³ But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord... - Jonah 1:2-3

2) Moses: "Here I am. Send SOMEONE ELSE."

¹⁰ Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."¹¹ But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" - Exodus 3:10-11

3) Isaiah: "Here I am. Send ME."

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me." - Isaiah 6:8

³⁵ Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.³⁷ He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few.³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." - Matthew 9:35-38

Two Challenges of Life

1) To FIND ourselves.

2) To LOSE ourselves.

Find ourselves:

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. - Romans 8:28

- **What am I PASSIONATE about?**
- **What are my GIFTS?**

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. - 1 Corinthians 12:7

Lose ourselves:

- **Give your purpose to something BIGGER than you.**

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. - Ephesians 2:10

- **Success is when I add value to myself. SIGNIFICANCE is when I add value to others.**

²⁴ Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. ²⁵ The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. - Proverbs 11:24-25