

Called Before Time Began

2 Timothy 1:9:

“Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, **not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.**”

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

What is a Calling?

1. *Calling Is God’s Invitation to Participate in His Purpose*

Revelation 12:1-4

12 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. **2** Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. **4** His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

1 Corinthians 1:9

2. *A Calling is a Union of Spirits*

3. *Calling Is the Burden God Trusts You With*

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Ephesians 2:10

4. A Calling Is a price that every believer pays in order to be walking in partnership with the father

Acts 9:16

“I will show him how much he must suffer for My name.”

“No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

— *Luke 9:62*

What happens when calling is rejected?

1. The Spirit Loses Its Governing Position

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit...”

— Romans 8:16

2. When a person rejects a calling, they lose the capacity to relate with God - Leading to death

3. When a believer refuses a calling, God does not immediately withdraw direction — He withdraws acceleration.

Deuteronomy 2:3

“You have circled this mountain long enough.”

Deuteronomy 2:3

4. Spiritual Authority Becomes Inconsistent

“I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?”

— Acts 19:15

How do I accept my calling?

1. **Through intimacy**
2. **Through an encounter**
 - John 1:1-4
3. **Know your mandate**
4. **Divine empowerment**