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That includes all of us.

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7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and **called to be his holy people:** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. We Are All Called. Callings are not rare. They are _____.

Luke 9:59 (NIV) **59** Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

It's not the few. It's you. It's all of us. We are all called.

II. We Are Called to Ministry. *Called to be his holy people* is an example of "deliberate ambiguity". It can and does have several meanings.

-  Called to _____ - called to *be* God's holy people
-  Called to _____ - called to *act like* God's holy people
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You were called to be and behave. But you were also called to do.

III. Our Calling Was Probably Subtle. Callings are not always burning bushes or powerful visions. They are usually more ordinary than that.




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IV. Our Calling Can Deepen. What God calls us to do can change or sharpen over time. It can be redirected in a more mature direction.





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The stages of ministry:

-  _____ - frontline fighter
-  _____ - behind the lines leader
-  _____ - homestead teacher

We won't always minister in the same way, but we will always minister. Our call is a lifetime call.

V. Our Calling Is Likely Local. While some people are called to minister in far off places, the Lord has probably called you to minister right where you are.

-  Your _____
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-  Your _____
-  Your _____

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV) **4** Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

There are needs all around you. There are nearby places only you go, languages only you speak, people only you can reach. That is where you are called.

Prayer: Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to You in every way. Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet. Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.'

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