

V. IN REVIEW

Overall

- In principle, calling is three-fold: relational, universal and individual.
- When understood and embraced, our calling should be the driving motivation in our life.
- Our calling becomes an anchor in the midst of a storm, it clarifies our priorities and is the passion which energizes and sustains us daily.
- Calling comes from hearing and listening to God and requires two essential ingredients: emptiness of self (brokenness, humility, death to self, etc.) and the willingness to act by faith (obedience).

Relational Calling

- First and foremost, God calls us into a relationship with Himself through Jesus Christ.
- This relationship should be one of growing intimacy that governs our world-view, values and behavior.
- Our relational calling (devotion to God) should never be replaced by our universal calling or our individual calling.
- This devotion to Christ/God (intimacy with Him) can only be through the means of humility.
- Our relational calling should be developed through the exercise of spiritual disciplines of prayer, God's Word, fellowship, solitude reflection.

Universal Calling

- All Christians are called to give their life away to the lost (evangelism) and to fellow Christians (discipleship). The call to evangelism and discipleship is an absolute, mandatory command of the Lord Jesus.
- Our to evangelism and discipleship should flow out of an abundant, intimate relationship with Christ. It is never a substitute or a means to develop intimacy.
- This calling is an universal call for every Christian to live out God's purpose and His Kingdom (eternity with Him) our focus.

Individual Calling

- A few are called to full-time vocational Christian work, all are called to be full-time Christians.
- Passion, spiritual gifts and circumstances play a factor in our individual calling.
- God does not reveal His individual calling if we are not relationally and universally aligned with Him. Yet, God does not play games with us in this area of work if we are aligned with Him.
- Our calling in terms of individual work will fit into God's purposes and His Kingdom.
- Our individual calling becomes the context or arena of influence where our intimacy with God and our living out God purpose's takes place.