

He Called My Name

- *Exodus 3:1-6*

- Let me ask you a question this morning as we begin. Do you remember the day when God called your name? I mean, I have been called by name by many other people, but none more important or more life changing than the day God called me by name.
- In our passage this morning we read of a man by the name of Moses who was called out by God in a very unique way. Now, it is one thing for God to call the world or even a certain tribe to do something, but when He calls you out by name, that is a very special time.
 - Called: to be summoned by name
- **READ SCRIPTURE**
- **He Was Called By Name (v.4)**
 - Adam
 - Samuel (I Samuel 3:10)
 - Zacchaeus
 - Lazarus (John 11)
 - Saul (Acts 26:14)
- Many people have this idea that God only calls certain people or special people; but I would argue today that God calls us ALL, and He calls us very specifically to several things.

1. God Has Called Us To Salvation

a. General Call

- i. God loves everyone, He loves everybody, and His will is that none perish but come to Heaven.
 - 1. Isaiah 45:22 – “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”
 - 2. Matt. 11:28 – “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
 - 3. John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
 - 4. Romans 1:20 – “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”
- ii. God calls all people to salvation and His desire is that all come to repentance. But thankfully, there was a day when His invitation became personal ...

b. Personal Call

- i. When the General Call becomes personal to you & me.
 - 1. This is the personal calling of God in your life.
 - a. Is it any surprise to you this morning that He knows your name?
 - b. He just doesn't know about your family or what part of the country you live in ... but He knows your name!
 - i. Matthew 6:8 – “for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.”
 - ii. Luke 12:7 – “But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”
 - iii. These are not general statements, but they are very personal statements.

2. When we talk about the personal call, I am referring to the specific time where the Holy Spirit draws us to Him to receive this great salvation.
- ii. If you are a child of God this morning, you are saved & your sins have been forgiven, there was a day when you responded to this personal invitation.
- iii. Maybe you are here this morning and you have never responded to this call b/c maybe you are unclear as to what this personal invitation involves.
 1. It is specific time & place
 - a. There are certain specific dates that are etched in our minds forever, right.
 - i. Wedding date
 - ii. Birthday of mate/kids
 - iii. Salvation
 - b. Moses was 80 years old here at Mt. Sinai when God speaks to him from a burning bush. Now I promise you, this is a day that stuck out in Moses mind. This had never happened before & would never happen again & Moses remembered this specific calling from God.
 - c. Every person that is born again needs to have a specific time & place nailed down when they accepted Christ.
 - i. This is a “marker” of our faith & trust in God.
 1. I know that I was married on September 15, 2001.
 - ii. It is also something we can defend our faith against the attacks of the enemy.
2. It involves revelation. (v.4)
 - a. When Moses stood before this burning bush, he understood that God had revealed Himself to him personally.
 - b. When you come to faith in Christ, you come to a point where you understand who Jesus is & what He has done for you.
 - i. That He was born of a virgin.
 - ii. He lived a sinless & perfect life.
 - iii. He took our sins upon Himself & gave His life as a sacrifice or a ransom for our sins. He paid for our salvation by giving of His life on the cross of Calvary.
 - iv. He was buried in a tomb, but on the third day He arose victorious over death, hell, and the grave.
 - v. He ever lives today as King of Kings and Lord of Lords & He is at the right hand of the Father this very moment making intercession for each of us.
 - c. It is also a time where the Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts.
 - i. John 6:44 – “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him:”
3. It involves conviction.
 - a. When Moses saw the burning bush & started making his way toward the bush, God instructed him to stop b/c he was standing on holy ground.
 - b. In v.6, Moses hid his face b/c he could not look upon God.
 - i. Moses understood right then & there how unworthy he really was.
 - ii. People who meet with God have to come to a point where they understand who they are & Who God really is.
 1. You don't get saved b/c Mom & Dad made a commitment to God.

2. You aren't saved b/c you're a good person or do good things.
 3. In its truest sense, you and I can be saved when we understand that we are in need of a Savior.
 4. II Corinthians 7:10 – "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation"
- c. And when you do meet God, your life is NEVER the same.
- i. When Moses met with God at the burning bush that day, life as he knew it would never be the same.
 - ii. From that moment forward, his faith in God was forever changed b/c he trusted in God completely with his life.
 1. Did he make mistakes? Sure. Did he sin & fail God? Of course he did. Did everything go his way from that point? Of course not.
 2. But from that moment forward, his goal, his ambition, his focus was on following after God & trusting in Him completely.
 - iii. When you meet with God, your life will never be the same again.
 1. You don't have to have some ridiculous lifestyle to have a great testimony.
 2. Some of the most sweetest testimonies have been this; "I once was lost, but now I am found."
 3. Once you carried the sins of your life & faced certain eternal judgment. But b/c of the love of God & the sacrifice of a sinless Savior, you now have freedom & not only are your sins forgiven ... their forgotten!