

Your _____ Call
Acts 16:6-10; Selected Scriptures
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Acts 16:6-10 (ESV) – ⁶ And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. ⁸ So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

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Acts 16:9-10a (ESV) – And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision,

παρακαλέω (parakaleō) – to call to one's side, to call for, to urge, appeal to

Great Commission Passages:

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV) – ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Mark 16:15 (ESV) – And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

Luke 24:46-47 (ESV) – ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

John 20:21 (ESV) – Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Acts 1:8 (ESV) – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

διαβαίνω (*diabainō*) – to cross over, to step across

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βοηθέω (*boētheō*) – to help, to come to the aid of anyone

Job 14:1 (ESV) – Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble.

Isaiah 57:20-21 (ESV) – ²⁰ But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. ²¹ There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

Psalms 62:1 (NIV) – Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

Matthew 9:36 (ESV) – When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

John 14:27 (ESV) – Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

1 Timothy 1:15 (ESV) – The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

III. _____ into _____! (Acts 16:10)

Acts 16:10 (ESV) – And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (ESV) – ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies--in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV) – Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Questions for Reflection

1. What is your current ministry assignment from God?
2. Is there anything you are currently doing that, as far as you are concerned, you would prefer that God do not interrupt?
3. How do you feel when you are asked to do something that is outside of your comfort zone? Why?
4. What is one thing that you would have difficulty or struggle in doing, if God called you to do it? Why?
5. How much do you trust God with your life?
6. Give an example of a time in your life where you had to trust God in serving Him and leave the results to Him?
7. How do you feel about serving in an environment or a culture different than your own?

8. What is the first thing you have done when you sensed God calling you to a specific ministry or task, for Him? Did you second guess God, seek a second opinion, make excuses, or just trust Him and move forward?
9. When you reflect on your life, do you feel that God has gotten His “money’s worth”, so to speak, out of you serving Him?
10. What is there in your life, that you must overcome, in order to get where God needs you to be, to serve Him?
11. In the coming week, make an attempt to tell someone about your faith in Christ. Then email me at, mstone@goodhope.org, to let me have your feedback.