

January 16, 2011

## SERMON NOTES

"Your Calling Matters" 3/8

Pastor Steve



**Romans 8:28** "That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." (Message)

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 139:15-17** "You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. (NLT)

**Isaiah 49:16** "See, I have tattooed your name upon my palm, and ever before me is a picture of Jerusalem's walls in ruins" (TLB)

**1 Peter 2:9** "But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you..." (Message)

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Kings 14:3** "He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD..." (NIV)

**2 Kings 14:24** "He did evil in the eyes of the LORD..." (NIV)

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 1:38** "Mary said, 'I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants. May everything you said come true.' And then the angel disappeared." (TLB)

1-Designer  
2-Testimony  
3-Journey

### ❗ PRIORITY ALERT

***"The purpose of prayer and of God's call in your life is not to make you number one in the world's eyes, but to make Him number one in your life.***

*- Ravi Zacharias*



**GRO GROUP**  
SERMON BASED LESSON GUIDE

*Remember, do it to grow, not to get done.*



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**WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?** *Field any related Q's to the sermon or reading.*

**GROUP WARM UP**

*Can you recall a time when you were taken advantage of by a bait-n-switch scheme?*

**SPIN OFF Q&A'S** (questions and applications)

What is the nature of a "calling"? How is it different from jobs?

Do you know your calling? Have you always known it? When did you come to know it? Has it changed or modified over the years? Did it really change or do you come to more fully realize what it was meant to be all along?

**Calling Related SCRIPTURE** Rom. 11:29; 1 Cor. 1:1,2, 1:26-29; Eph. 4:1; 2 Thess. 1:11

What is the nature of a calling from these passages of Scripture?

In a nutshell, reformed teaching says that you can do *anything* to the glory of God. Believing this in combination with a poor economy, could lead some to take a job that could be suspect in terms of being counted worthy of the calling of God. What kinds of jobs should be out of bounds for true believers to hold? What criteria helps us weed out jobs that do not glorify God?

What exactly is the **hope of your calling?** Eph. 1:18, 4:4

Why is there such an emphasis in the Bible on the importance of knowing your calling? 2 Peter 1:10

**Mark 10:46-52** (v49) What is it about the Savior calling us that gives us courage and makes us arise?

What else can be learned about calling from these verses?

Then what advice would you give to young adults seeking to know their calling?

*\* Make note that the daily Further Reading section below will begin taking us on a steady progression from Genesis 1 to the instituting of the Passover, and through the gospel of Mark between now and Easter. This can become a steady diet plan for your group to consume the Word together...There will be one or two chapters a day to read to keep us on this pace (sans genealogies).*

**FURTHER READING** (Scripture for Daily Reading)

Day 1 **Genesis 6** Day 2 **Genesis 7** Day 3 **Mark 2**  
Day 4 **Genesis 8** Day 5 **Genesis 9** Day 6 **Genesis 11**