Called to Walk in Who You Already Are

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Introduction

Welcome everyone.

I want to start by asking you a question: Have you ever felt like God was calling you toward something, but you didn't know how to get there?

Maybe you've sensed a direction or a purpose, something stirring in your spirit, but it's been unclear, distant, or even frustrating because you don't feel ready?

I think many of us have been there.

We hear messages about calling and purpose, and sometimes they sound like a checklist: "You must do this.

You must grow spiritually.

You must work harder."

But what if God's call isn't about trying to reach Him through effort?

What if He's not asking you to become someone new through your own striving?

What if He's actually inviting you into who you already are in Christ?

That's what I want to talk to you about today.

Because God isn't calling you into something you have to figure out or work toward.

He's calling you into who you already are in Him, and what He's already prepared for you to walk in.

1. God's Calling Is Rooted in Your Identity in Christ

Let me say this clearly: God doesn't look at you and see potential.

He sees fullness.

He sees completion in Christ.

We often live as if our identity depends on performance, on how much we do, how well we serve, how spiritual we appear.

But Scripture tells us something radically different.

"But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

In Christ, you are not becoming a child of God, you already are one.

And that changes everything.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

The word "workmanship" here means masterpiece.

You are not a project God is trying to fix, you are His finished creation.

In Christ, you are made new (2 Corinthians 5:17), and from that place of wholeness, God calls you.

So before you ask, "What is God calling me to do?" perhaps the better question is: "Who has God called me to be?"

Your identity comes first.

Your calling flows from it.

2. God Has Already Prepared the Path Before You

Now, let's talk about the path of your calling.

Sometimes we think of calling as a destination, a mountain we have to climb, a goal we have to achieve.

But God says something different:

"I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go" (Isaiah 48:17).

"The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him" (Psalm 37:23).

God's calling is not a mystery we solve. It's a map He has already laid out.

The good works were prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them, not chase after them, not struggle to find them, but walk in them.

This means you don't need to hustle for your purpose.

You don't need to earn it.

God has already secured the ground beneath your feet.

He is not waiting for you to arrive.

He is walking with you now.

Your job isn't to build the road, it's to step onto it.

3. God Calls You into Partnership, Not Performance Here's another truth: God never calls you to carry the weight of your calling alone.

Too often, we treat calling like a solo mission, something we're supposed to accomplish in our own strength.

But nothing could be further from the heart of God.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8–9).

"For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

God doesn't give you a task and then say, "Go make it happen."

He gives you a call and says, "Come walk with Me."

He invites you into partnership.

He equips you.

He empowers you.

He trains you.

He provides for every need.

Calling is not performance.

It's relationship.

It's learning to trust that God is faithful, even when the next step feels uncertain.

So if you're feeling overwhelmed by what God might be asking of you, remember this: He does not leave you to fulfill it alone.

He walks beside you, and within you.

4. Restlessness Can Be the Spirit Stirring You Toward Purpose

Now, let me speak directly to that restless heart.

Maybe you've felt it, the sense that something more is coming, but you can't quite see it yet.

That ache in your spirit.

That longing that won't go away.

Don't mistake that for impatience.

Don't silence it thinking it's discontentment.

"The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price" (Revelation 22:17).

That restlessness?

It may just be the Holy Spirit awakening you to what's ahead.

Augustine once said, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You."

God awakens desire in us to lead us deeper into His purposes.

He stirs your heart because He's preparing to show you something you've been waiting for, sometimes without even knowing it.

So don't ignore that inner tug.

Don't dismiss that holy dissatisfaction.

It might just be God saying, "There's more for you."

5. Your Calling Is About Relationship, Not Just Assignment

Finally, I want to remind you: your calling is not primarily about what you do for God.

It's about who you become with Him.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Your calling is relational at its core.

It's about intimacy.

It's about growing in your knowledge of God, reflecting His character, and living out His love in the unique space He's given you.

Jesus said, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me" (John 15:4).

Fruitfulness flows from relationship.

So don't chase the assignment, cultivate the connection.

Learn His ways.

Lean into His presence.

Let Him shape your heart.

Because the most powerful thing you bring to your calling is not your talent, but your testimony.

Not your skills, but your surrender.

Conclusion & Call to Action

Church, here's what I want you to walk away with today:

God is not calling you to become someone else.

He's calling you to become more of who you already are in Christ.

He's not waiting for you to be perfect.

He's waiting for you to trust Him.

He's not asking you to perform.

He's inviting you to partner.

He's not ignoring your restlessness.

He's using it to draw you closer.

And He's not leaving you to walk alone.

He's walking with you—every step of the way.

So today, I invite you to stop striving.

Stop trying to earn your place.

Start stepping into the fullness of who God says you are.

Your calling is not a burden—it's an invitation.

An invitation to walk in grace.

An invitation to walk in power.

An invitation to walk in purpose.

An invitation to walk with Him.

Will you accept it?

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for reminding us that we are not defined by what we do, but by who we are in Christ.

Thank You that You have already prepared the path before us.

Help us to walk in confidence, not in performance. Stir our hearts with Your Spirit.

Awaken our desires after Your kingdom.

Equip us for the calling You have placed on our lives, and remind us daily that we are not alone.

Lead us into deeper intimacy with You, that our lives would reflect Your love and truth.

In Jesus' name, Amen.