

The Call to SEPARATE

Pastor Othniel James

Main Scriptures: Luke 14: 26 -27

Support Scriptures: Hebrews 11: 8; Genesis 11: 27-32; Genesis 12: 1; Acts 7: 2-3

Notes:

You can not stop a child of God. If they belong to God, nothing in this world can stop them. If God's hand is on a man to take him from point A to point B no one can stop Him. If it were impossible for God to keep you he would not have called you

I am attempting to speak to us tonight about the call on our lives. This call is a call on separation. The call to separate for all of us who have been given this call out of the world into the kingdom of God and life and light. It is a call to separate. I want to say to each of us that the call of God is not necessarily as others may say an easy task. It's a call that places a demand on a man like no other. It's a call even though it elevates man to another dimension, it will demand a selfless attitude from man.

Let's think about the words of our Master. These words are fastened to the gate that leads to the kingdom we see the kingdom of God and we recognize the value of his life and we see and have an appetite for it and want it and need it but as we stand at the gate to enter, every man needs a key and the key reads:

" If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. 27And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

I was reading a historic document from the school of Hillel and Shamia and the historian wanted us to understand that even the students would dress in a similar manner to their Rabbi. Even today in our modern society many Rabbis and their student would wear the same hat. The purpose of the Rabbi would be to develop the student to the same level of thinking as the Rabbi So is it that the Lord came into the world to show man the way to live. And any man that wants to become like him he says you must, by comparison, hate everyone else.

To hate: means to love less than God is number 1 in every facet of your life.

When we first come to the Lord we don't understand the demand that the Lord has placed on our lives. To stand and say I will follow the Lord all the days of our lives but when we read his word we will recognize more of the demand placed on our lives.

How many of us think on these words and reflect on the importance and the demand and weight of the call.

Let's look at the life of an individual and let us see the similarities if Jesus is bringing another message or is he really telling us the demand of God and what He requires:

Faith Deliverance International Ministries

Bible Class NOTES 2021-06-08

Hebrews 11: 8

Hebrews show the testimonies of heroes of faith and in particular Abraham who we are identifying tonight.

I want us to think about the importance of the call of God in our lives. God promised him he would make his name great but nothing can happen until he responded to the call

The call of God has a purpose- there is an end result for the believer/ bride of Christ. But there is a purpose to be fulfilled in this time for every believer. There is no such reasoning where one is called into the kingdom and given the leverage to do his own business. The king and Master will not allow any called individual to operate on his own agenda. It is impossible. No man called of God operates on his own agenda.

What is my purpose?

This call is so much higher than our ability to reason it out. It is a mystery but one that can be understood if we are in a relationship with the one who called us. It tells us that momentum is possible without a full understanding of what God has called us to

It's called faith!

Faith will bring you to the expected end even when we don't see it.

Genesis 11: 27-32; Genesis 12: 1

This is ultimately a call of separation, can you imagine in the midst of Markum and the Lord sees in you the purpose for which he brought you into the world. God said all souls are mine everyone - the drunkard the murderer etc. all souls are his. So when your mother became pregnant and you were substance in your mother's womb God had a soul prepared for you. Before the foundations of the world, he saw you, and a soul was prepared for you. When you were born there was a purpose declared on your life. God has an easy path for every man not found in the stock market but in the mind of God that can only be received in a relationship with God. God knows the end from the beginning. God knows you before the foundations of the world and he looks on you and says here is a woman I am calling in the kingdom. If God calls us it means he has something prepared for us. To understand the way of God, every obstacle that you will face is already overcome. We may experience it in time but God has something to say about every challenge we will face. He says he chose you before the foundations of the world. You are a pilgrim passing through and you are not trapped in time. If he called you and has a purpose in your life then he can place a demand on your life.

There was a date and time set for the red sea to split. God knew that Israel would stand before the red sea and there is nothing that the red sea could do to resist the children of God passing through. God is one. The sea has no mind or will of his own. There was a lamb reserved for Abraham to sacrifice before the foundations of the world. When God says to the called " Thou shall love the Lord you God will all your heart might and soul" He said it because he gave us the ability to do it.

Abraham went by faith (God gave him that faith) it's not something he studied God gave him a measure of faith and he used it in obedience.

We will have to understand where Abraham was - Ur of the Chaldeans was a developed commercial city like modern-day Toronto. Everyone wanted to be part of Ur of the Chaldeans but it's a land filled with idolatry. Terah, Nahor were all idolators that served under Nimrod. Look at Laban's idols that Rachel stole...same family.

How many of us stopped to think about the purpose of God's call on our life when we take on the Name of the Lord.

It is a lie that the call of God is to get baptized and filled and wait to go to heaven - something will take your mind in this world.

Did God ask him to separate from his community and comfortable lifestyle why? because he knows this will keep him stagnant. God will never give up anything that will negatively affect your growth in Christ.

It may have been the very reason why God placed these demands on Abraham Acts 7: 2-3

Tera lived 75 years and had Abram and then died in Haran, Abram was 75 years when he got the call

from the coming out of Ur of the Chaldeans there was a stopover in Haran and in Haran, he is telling Abram to come out from his kindred and his father's house to a land that he will show him.

God spoke twice, once in Ur of the Chaldeans and once in Haran. When God speaks with such urgency there is a call all on your life.

There was a period in Abrams's life where he rested with his father Tera. And the Lord spoke again, come out of your country, why? because it was an idolatrous country

From his kindred, why? because His family was idolatrous.

Sometimes the call of God leads us on a lonely path but we stand in faith in the promises of God.

Think of Abram as a man and even some of us were not exposed to the evil he was exposed to and the confusion and the house of idolatry. This man was not grown up in our apostolic homes. he grew up in a corrupt family. But God's purpose is in his life.

Are we ready to challenge our faith where we need to realize that everything is passing away and there is a call on my life I must fulfill before I touch the grave.

I don't want to die in misery and regrets I want to die in peace. I don't want to be rich in this world and poor in the world to come.

For Abram to leave was a serious call. Tera begat Abram, Nahor and Harran. His father is not ordinary, there is wealth in his family. Abram left without the honor of burring his father and did not stick around for the wealth from his father. Because there is no sweeter purpose for living than saying yet to God.

I want to share my little testimony that the call of God is no different for a believer. It is the same call of separation to a new beginning. I left Jamaica, not because I had a desire to go to another country. My wife traveled for her job and I had no ambitions or interest to travel and one occasion she went on a missionary assignment with her mom to Washington DC and on the way I was worshiping God and somewhere along Marcus Garvey drive and I felt the presence of the Lord touch down and when it touched down I heard I am taking you out of this country to another country you don't know and there I will bless you. I was so overwhelmed I did not even greet her properly and I told her later why and the rest is history. I ended up decided to further my studies and I was caught up in a vision where they denied my family the visa to come with me and they granted me the visa and I saw the woman in the back and I saw an evil spirit sitting on her as she denied and the woman at the front trying to convince her to change her mind. There is beauty in following the call of God. When they called me in they said to come and I saw the lady at the front and she looked me in the eyes that we are happy to tell you to pursue your studies but unfortunately, we are not able to grant your wife and child to accompany you. She was pushing the passport under the window and I put my hand on her hand on the passport and I pushed it back and said Look in my eyes I am a man of God and a man of purpose if this is not the will of God for me take it back I am not separating from my new wife. Take the visa out of the passport. The God of Canada is the God of Jamaica and I'm not leaving with my family. Later my mother-in-law called me and she had been asked to speak and she developed this relationship with the high commissioner and the man understood it was her daughter who was denied. I got a call leaving the passport office, Mr. James please come back we have reversed our decision to deny your family. _ God has a road map for our lives. A road map by faith will bring trials, but not to frustrate us. We struggle to bring forth results because we operate against his agenda.