

CAMPFIRE STORIES | WEEK #01

The Challenge of Following Jesus | June 25th

WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY? (MATTHEW 8:18-22)

The call to _____ just might be an _____ to embrace _____.

Following Jesus is more _____ than our _____ and our _____ in this life.

We only get _____; nobody gets _____. What are you going to do with your _____?

WHAT WISDOM DOES SCRIPTURE OFFER US?

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

1. Every person has a _____.

God, by grace through Christ, has CALLED you to become God's people. Gal. 1:6 (NCV)

The Greek word translated CALLED is _____. It is about your _____ in life, your _____, your _____ in life.

Before you saw the light of day, I (God) had holy plans for you. Jeremiah 1:5 (MSG)

2. Your CALLING is _____ to _____.

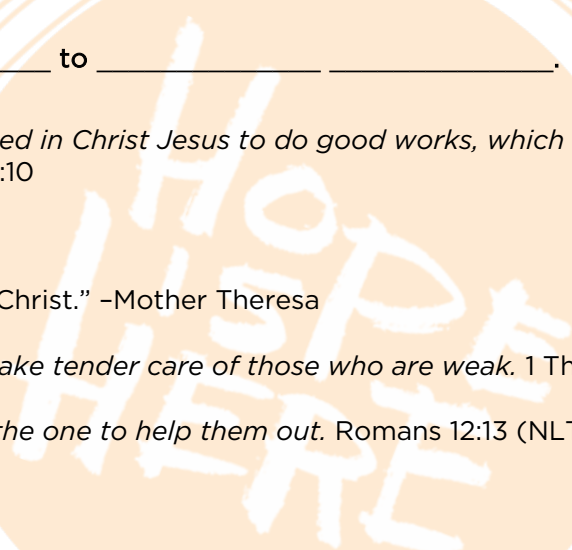
For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

God is good. Psalm 73:1

"We are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ." -Mother Theresa

...comfort those who are frightened, take tender care of those who are weak. 1 Thess. 5:14 (LV)

When God's children are in need, be the one to help them out. Romans 12:13 (NLT)



DON'T MISS THIS!

1. Your CALLING will _____ the _____ of your _____ and _____.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Eph. 6:12

Although Jesus was _____, he had this _____ to _____.

“Jesus promised those who would follow him only three things: that they would be absurdly happy, entirely fearless and always in trouble.” -Greg Levoy

2. Your CALLING will _____ the greatest _____ and _____ in your life.

HOW CAN I LIVE THIS IN MY EVERYDAY, NORMAL LIFE?

Get _____ about your CALLING for your _____.

WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. If following Jesus may be an invitation to poverty, hardship and distress, why doesn't the church teach it more?
2. How clear are you about God's calling or challenge for your life right now; not what it may have been 5 or 10 years ago, but now?
3. When you hear Jesus says you are salt and light is it hard for you to imagine it being true? Why or why not?
4. How has following Jesus tested the limits of your faith? Give specific examples.
5. Do you resonate with Greg Levoy's words about what followers of Jesus will experience in life? Why or why not?

