

Revolutionary Church (Revolutionary Prayer)

Message #6- "When God Calls Your Name"

Acts 9:1-19; 10:9 - 11:18

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Big Idea: To pray is to invite God's voice and to invite God's voice is to invite change in our life. God's voice is so personal. As long as God is an impersonal, distant God, He is safe and fairly non-threatening. If we can keep Him distant, we stay safely out of the way of change. But Jesus is not a distant, impersonal Savior. He gets right up in our face, He gets very personal and He gets very specific when He calls our name.

How Some People Try to Deal with God Calling Their Name

1. They _____ - 7:57
2. They _____ - 7:51
3. They _____ - 7:58-8:3

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SAY 'YES'

Case Study #1: SAUL- God will change your _____ . Acts 9:1-23

For background on Paul's life before Christ and his change: Phil. 3:3-7, 1 Tim. 1:12-17, Gal. 1:11-24

Vs. 1-4 He will _____.

³As he (Saul) neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

Vs. 4, 5 He will _____.

Vs. 6a He will set you on _____.

"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Vs. 6b He will guide you _____.

"...and you will be told what you must do."

Some Observations- Three Days Blind

God utilized "discomfort" to bring him to his next step. Vs. 8

Paul was willing to break with his past and identify with Christ through baptism. Vs. 18

God calls our name for a life of purpose; bringing glory to "His Name". Vs. 15-16

Case Study #2: ANANIAS- God will call you to _____.

Acts 9:10-16

"In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, 'Ananias!' 'Yes, Lord,' he answered. ¹¹The Lord told him, 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.'"

Observations:

He is called "a disciple" because he was a _____ of Christ. Vs. 10

Christ's purpose can sometimes _____. Vs. 12-14

Christ's purpose is bigger Vs. 15-16

Question: Had Ananias not said "yes", been disobedient, would Saul's scales have ever fallen off?

Case Study #3: PETER– He will give you a
..... Acts 10:1-27

"Then a voice told him, 'Get up Peter. Kill and eat.' 14 'Surely not, Lord!' Peter replied. 'I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.' 15 The voice spoke to him a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' 16 This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven." vs. 13-16

Gentile =

Roman =

Centurion =

Peter's Lesson:

"Talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. 28 He said to them: 'You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean.'" Acts 10:27-29

"Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism, 35 but accepts men from every nation who fear Him and do what is right.'" Acts 10:34-38

For further study– Reaction of church leaders, Acts 11;15-17