



Bible Verses: Proverbs 16-:3, Philippians 4:13, Luke 1:37

Quote: “God did not direct His call to Isaiah— Isaiah overheard God saying, ‘. . . who will go for us?’ The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether I hear God’s call or not depends on the condition of my ears, and...upon my spiritual attitude.”

Resources:

Wild At Heart (Author-John Eldridge)

Podcast 16: Men @ Work – Joe Hollywood

Begin by reading Ephesians 4:1-16. Verse 1 reads, “*I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.*” Maybe a better translation (in this case) might be to use the word *vocation* rather than *calling*. In our culture we have confused the word vocation to mean the same thing as career...You might say, “*I am an engineer by vocation*”. The word vocation originated in Christian circles to define a God-given calling—often associated with a gift of the Holy Spirit. So, vocation is about what God has gifted us individually to do to further his Kingdom. It is possible, then, to be fully alive in your vocation while working a day-job you might hate.

We often become victims of the daily grind. We squeeze every ounce of hope we can out of the dollars we earn in the work place. Over time, we find ourselves drained of our energy and dragging our feet out of bed in the morning to do the same thing we did yesterday. There are two ways out of this pit...and both must be present in order to climb out; like the side rails of a ladder holding the rungs in place.

First, our hope is in Christ alone, not in the dollars we earn or the security we find in our benefit package. Christ alone! Because of Jesus we are welcomed into the kingdom of heaven where everything is different. No matter what circumstances we find ourselves in. Within the kingdom of heaven there is always hope.

Second, we must know our *vocation*. When we know what gifts God has given us when we put our faith in Christ, we can look at our sphere of influence and find purpose wherever we go. Our purpose is not relative to the amount of money we bring in every month, but in use of the vocation God has given us to further His kingdom. Like Joseph Granda, you may find yourself earning a paycheck for living out your calling; that is just a bonus. Know that no matter what you do for work...God has a purpose for your life!

—Luke Burgett

Talk about it:

- Have you had your own “brush with greatness” by meeting a celebrity?

Make it personal:

- Joseph Granda talked about being *called* to reengage with Hollywood and the movie industry—for Jesus’ sake. Do you feel called to do what you’re doing?
- How can we discern whether we’re called to work where we are...and whether or not we should leave?

Accept the Challenge:

- Read and meditate on the Bible verses listed above every day this week. Then, ask God to open your eyes to what He’s called you to do AND find some good, wise and trusted friends to ask what they think you are called to do.

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