



Equipping Christians
to live out their unique
God-given purpose

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Gentleman: This is a football!

At the start of each season Green Bay Packers coach, Vince Lombardi, would hold up an object and say, "Gentlemen, this is a football." He knew that to be successful, you need to go over the basics. So let's review the basics of calling.

What is a calling?

A calling is a **summons from God to a unique task based on His will**. Your calling involves using your *spiritual gifts* to impact a specific *group of people* or *social issue* so that some *outcome* occurs that God desires.

What is an example of a calling?

Moses: "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt ... I will be with you." (Exodus 3:10,12). Your calling will include these 5 parts:

- **GO** to someone [or somewhere] - Pharaoh
- **DO** something [or say something] - Bring or lead
- **TO** benefit someone [or society] - God's people
- **SO** an outcome occurs - Out of Egypt
- **LO** resources available - "I will be with you"

How do you know what your calling is?

God will **reveal** your calling in His appointed time. First, you may hear His whisper **directly** through Bible reading or prayer. Or you may hear His whisper **indirectly** through another person, a dream, or through life circumstances.

What should you do until then?

Identify your spiritual gifts and use them. Find a place to serve at church. Develop a close, intimate relationship with Christ. Finally, listen for His voice.

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