

The Calling of a Pastor - Used only in Eph 4:11 all other places translated Shepherd

The message of God's calling is a major theme through the Bible - from Genesis 3 to Revelation 22. If we were to consider all the ways in which God calls, I feel certain we could find hundreds in Scriptures. He calls people to salvation, service, sanctification, Spirit-led living, submission, sacrifice, etc. Ultimately, in every case, He is calling us to Himself. Listed below are a handful of places where His Spirit calls.

In Genesis 3:9 - "Adam, where are you?"

In Genesis 12 He calls Abram to leave his country and in Genesis 17 tells him he will be the Father of many nations.

In Exodus 3 God calls Moses to deliver His people out of Egypt.

In Isaiah 55 He calls us to forsake sin and come to Him that our soul might delight in abundance.

In Luke 1 He calls the virgin Mary to become the earthly mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Gospels He calls the disciples to come follow Him.

In Matthew 11:28 - 30 He calls the weary to come to Him.

In Acts 9 vs 15 & 16 He calls Saul/Paul to be His chosen vessel to carry His name to the Gentiles and to suffer for His name sake.

In Ephesians 4:1, He calls us all to walk worthy of our calling. In vs 7 - 16, He calls people to fulfill leadership roles, and then calls all to be ministers of the gospel. (He has called us to **SERVICE**.)

In Revelation 22:17, the 5th from the last verse in the Bible, He offers (calls) an invitation for all to come.