

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 1/22/25



"Don't let me go! Don't let me go!"

from The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 8

confidence of the calling

This same invitation (a specific and identifiable calling) is issued to believers when we *"were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord"* (1 Corinthians 1:9). It should come as no unusual matter, therefore, that because God FOREKNEW how we would respond to His invitation, He could then "pre-order" the **end product of that calling**, having....[see 2 Tim. 1:9 below]

John 10:27-29 AMP

"The sheep that are My own hear My **voice** and listen to Me; I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they will never, ever [by any means] perish; and no one will ever **snatch** them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than **all**; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

"klétos" [or "keleo"]

In the Greco-Roman world, being **"called"** or **"invited"** often referred to being summoned to a banquet or a special event, which was a significant social honor. In the Jewish context, the concept of being **called** by God was deeply rooted in the Old Testament, where God called individuals like Abraham, Moses, and the prophets for specific purposes.

Romans 8:30 ESV

"And those whom He predestined He also **called**, and those whom He **called** He also justified, and those whom He justified He also **glorified**."

1 Samuel 3:9-10 ICB

"So [Eli the high priest] told Samuel, 'Go to bed. If He calls you again, say, "Speak, Lord. I am Your servant, and I am listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in bed. The Lord came and **stood** there. He **called** as he had before. He said, 'Samuel, Samuel!' Samuel said, 'Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening.'"

From Exodus 3:2-4 ESV

[From Mt. Sinai, the mountain of God] "And the angel of the **Lord** appeared to [Moses] in a flame of **fire** out of the midst of a bush. Moses looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, 'I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.' When the Lord saw that Moses turned aside to see, God **called** to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And Moses said, 'Here I am.'"

Matthew 20:8 ERV

"At the end of the day, the **owner** of the field said to the boss of all the workers, 'Call the workers and pay them all. Start by paying the last people I hired. Then pay all of them, ending with the ones I hired first.'"

Matthew 22:9 JUB 2000

"Go ye therefore into the entrances of the **highways** and **call** as many as ye shall find to the marriage banquet."

2 Timothy 1:9 EHV

"He saved us and **called** us with a holy **calling**, not because of our works, but because of His own **purpose** and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began...."

Romans 8:29-30 PHILLIPS

"God, in His foreknowledge, chose them [followers of God] to bear the family likeness of His Son, that [Jesus] might be the eldest of a family of many brothers. He **chose** them long ago; when the time came He **called** them, He made them righteous in His sight, and then lifted [followers of God] to the splendor of life as His own sons."

Romans 8:29-30 MESSAGE

"God knew what He was doing from the very beginning. He **decided** from the outset to shape the lives of those who love Him along the same lines as the life of His Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity He restored. We see the **original** and intended shape of our lives there in Him. After God made that decision of what His children should be like, He followed it up by **calling** people by name. After He **called** them by name, He set them on a solid basis with Himself. And then, after getting them established, He stayed with them to the end, **gloriously** completing what He had begun."

