

- 1. To understand that the Lord is trying to find suitable workers for His work.
- 2. To understand that we must always respond with, "Yes" to the Lord's calling.

Open Your Heart



Today is a holiday, and some students are playing a much—awaited pick—up game of baseball. The game was in full swing and both teams were tense, but all of a sudden, one of the students received a text from his father. It said, "We have a family gathering, please come home right now."

Should the student who received the text go home right away? Or, should he finish the game and go a bit late? What do you think is the correct decision? Why do you think that way? Please share with the other students.

My thoughts:

Understanding

Today's Lesson

God called Moses when he was tending his flock in the wilderness in a flame of fire from a bush. God had chosen Moses to save His people from the sufferings of Egypt. However, Moses did not think that he was suitable for this great work. It had already been 40 years since he had fled Egypt, and the only thing he did was tending his flock in the wilderness. On top of that, he was 80 years old. Looking at himself, Moses thought that saving the people of Israel from the world's strongest nation at that time was an impossible task. So, Moses rejected the calling of God, using multiple excuses. However, to that Moses, God continually planted His strength and assurance, and Moses, who was forced to give up all his excuses, answered the calling of God and left for Egypt. Also, in the end, Moses not only freed the people of Israel from Egypt according to God's Words, but he was also used preciously in leading the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years. Today, Moses is seen as one of the greatest characters in all of history.

When God calls specific people, we refer to that as a 'calling.' God calls Christians twice. We are first called when we are saved, and we are called again when we are entrusted with His work. Even today, the Lord is calling us to do His work. However, why does the omnipotent God use saved people to fulfill His work instead of doing His work Himself? And, how must I respond to His calling?

Notes

Memorizing

Bible Verses



So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."

(Exodus 4:11-12)



On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Jeremiah 1:4-8) (Isaiah 1:6-10) (Matthew 28:18-20)



Changing

Directions

Read Exodus 3:6-12 and think about our calling.

- 1. The Israelites received a lot of suffering while living as slaves in Egypt. What was the best that they could do in those moments? Read Exodus 2:23-25 and write your thoughts.
- 2. At times, we think that God doesn't react to any of the sufferings that we go through. This thought is wrong. While reading Exodus 3:7-8 and find out why these thoughts are wrong, and fill in the blanks.

I have surely () the oppression of My people..., and have () their cry..., for I () their sorrows. So I have () to () them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to () from that land

- 3. God said, "I shall bring the children of Israel out of Egypt." However, what was the method that God took to accomplish this great work? Read verse 10 and write your answer.
- 4. Moses said five times that he wasn't the right person to do God's work and that he didn't want to answer this calling. However, in the end, he successfully completed this work. What was the key behind this? Read verse 12 and write your answer.
- 5. With this being said, when God calls me through the Church, what is the best answer I can respond with?



For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (James 2:26)

1. Please write down how ye	ou will apply	what you le	arned today	throughout t	his
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 $2.\ Look$ back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

To Live According to the Word

I pray that I can learn to have the faith and obedience to always say, "Yes," whenever, wherever and for whatever God calls me.



Our Story

The Reason Why I Live



Even a pig confidently knows that his purpose in this life is to eat.
Then why do humans live?
For wealth? Fame? Or love?

The answer is found in the Bible.

Parable

The Main Business of John Wanamaker, the King of Department Stores

The king of department stores, John Wanamaker, once received a call from the president. He wanted him to become the Secretary of Commerce due to his excellent management skills. However, he rejected this offer with one word. When the president asked him for the reason why, he responded in this manner.

"I am a church school teacher. If I become the secretary, become busy with my affairs, and can't teach my students, what will happen?"

So, the president promised that he could continue his duties as a church school teacher no matter what. John Wanamaker, then accepted the position. When a newspaper reporter met him and asked him if he thought that the position of the Secretary of Commerce was worse than a church school teacher, he replied in this manner.

"It is because my main job is a church school teacher and my side job is the Secretary of Commerce. God has called me to become a church school teacher for life, so do you think my main job should be a secretary, which the president has called me to for a couple of years?"

Our God-given position is a position where we have been called to do His work, and this is not something that we should think of as a seasonal or temporary experience. Shouldn't we think of it as a life-long, primary job that can give us a strong sense of hope?



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