

# Called: You Are Called

## (2 Timothy 1:3-11)

### Introduction

Throughout the Bible, when God got ready to do something on earth, He called people to participate in the task.

- A) Noah
- B) Abraham
- C) Nehemiah

What distinguished these servant from hundred of others in the Bible? They did not volunteer; they were called.

What does it take for people to move from the casual believer to the committed servant? It takes a sense of calling on their life. There must be the understanding that they do not belong to themselves, don't have the right to chose, but are called to follow and obey.

Timothy was a young man that assisted the Apostle Paul during his Apostolic ministry. Converted as a lad, he was taught the Old Testament scriptures well by his mother and grandmother. Recognizing that God had big plans for the young man, Paul asked Timothy to join him in his church planting efforts across Eurasia.

Timothy developed quickly as a minister under the mentorship of Paul. So much so, that Paul would leave Timothy with a congregation to correct issues and then rejoin the Apostle later.

### Contextualize 2 Timothy

Paul's life and ministry was reaching it's end. Therefore, he desired to write Timothy to encourage and challenge him. His priority was to challenge Timothy to passionately live out God's call on his life.

2 Timothy 1 provides a glimpse as to what a "called life" looks like.

### What does it mean to be "called?"

*Called* means to experience a divine moving on one's life that results in a sense of purpose, urgency and responsibility that transcends the temporal to the supernatural.

## I. Why Does God Call People?

*(Principle: God calls men and women to join Him in his work here on earth and to live out that calling every day.)*

Our calling is. . .

**A) Sovereign (v. 9)**

**B) Purposeful (v. 9)**

**C) Part of a bigger picture (v. 9)**

## II. How will a sense of calling affect the way I live?

*(Principle: When you live a called life, you see life through a different lens.)*

**A) Availability**

(Your life is not yours!)

**B) Empowerment**

Empowered by the Holy Spirit (a sense of calling)

**C) Responsibility (v. 11)**

## III. What type of people does God call?

**A) Saved (v. 9)**

**B) Ordinary people (v. 3-5)**

(Timothy's father was a Greek, his mother a Jew)

**C) Purify their hearts (2 Timothy 2:20-21)**

## Conclusion