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WHEN GOD CALLS PEOPLE (part 2)
GALATIANS CHAPTER 1:1

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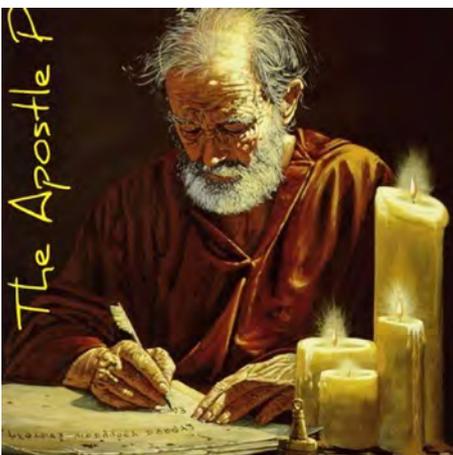


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Greetings of Love. In Issue 47 we shared about when God calls people. That edition emphasised that God calls people because He has a job for them, and we shared examples of various people.

Here I would like to go a bit further, after reading Galatians chapter 1:1-5 and reflecting also on some other great men and women of GOD who were called by Him for a specific purpose. There are lessons as usual and also The Lord will show you yourself many things as you read this and apply it to your personal life right now. God bless you. I am reading from the Amplified bible here.



1 Paul, an apostle—[special messenger appointed and commissioned and sent out] not from [any

body of] men nor by or through [a] any man, but by and through Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and God the Father, Who raised Him from among the dead—

2 And all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace and spiritual blessing be to you and [soul] peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah),

4 Who gave (yielded) Himself up [[b]to atone] for our sins [and [c] to save and sanctify us], in order to rescue and deliver us from this present wicked age and world order, in accordance with the will and purpose and plan of our God and Father—

5 To Him [be ascribed all] the glory through all the ages of the ages and the eternities of the eternities! Amen (so be it).

As I read this during the week, I was particularly inspired by this section I have put in **bold** in verse 1. **That Paul was a special messenger appointed and commissioned and sent out not from any**

body of men or through any man, but by and through Jesus Christ and God the Father! Wow! How almost completely opposite to the world we have today in Christianity. Let's think about it.

The greatest, possibly of the first apostles, Paul was not appointed by men, or a committee made up of deacons and elders, or by an Annual General Meeting of some denomination, nor of the Jerusalem Rabbinical Seminary, nor did he go to any New Testament Bible college, but he was commissioned to be a special messenger by other 'people' entirely! And who were they? It was Jesus Christ and God the Father. I take enormous comfort from this sentence. And I hope you will also.

So, God appoints.

God commissions and

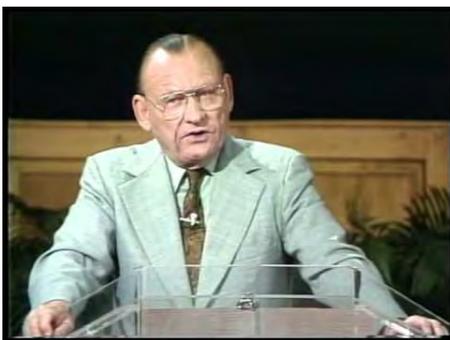
God sends out a person into this world to serve Him.

God doesn't need any other commissions or body of men to do that!

God calls you. Do you remember how God called you, how He saved you and even found you? **We love Him because He first loved us.** This message in Galatians 1:1 in the Amplified Bible, is to help us understand that everything depends on our own personal relationship with God and HIS calling us in the very beginning. **You do not need any confirmation or extra endorsement from another human being if God called you in the beginning!** All you need to do is to find out the job and gifts and talents God has for you and begin or continue using them. Praise the Lord. Sounds too good to be true? Well, it isn't. it's the Word of God. God called you and had a plan for you before the world even began! Ephesians 1:4

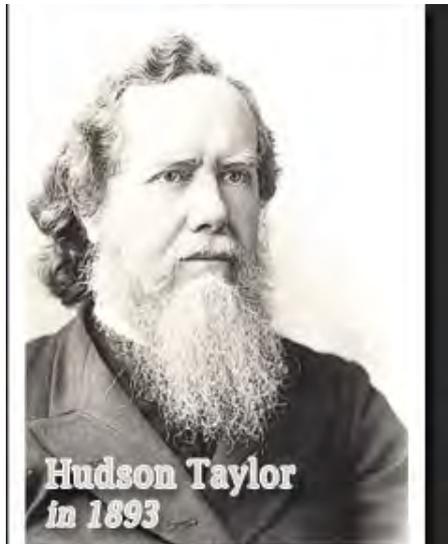
I know quite a few believers, some of whom are my best friends and colleagues in the Lord, who have gone through years finding out this truth. They were seeking so hard for a 'church' to belong to or be accepted here or there, and even though many of them still attend church and fellowship, they are very aware now that they are called to do a certain ministry and they now focus on that with all their hearts.

Here below are few of millions of people who began life for God often rejected by 'a body or men' or a committee and went on to do great things and humble things for the Lord.



Lester Sumrall [Lester Sumrall Preaches His Personal Testimony and Shares the Three Keys to Revival - YouTube](#) watch the first

ten minutes at least for the story of his salvation and how God gave him a choice at the age of 17 to either 'go to hell' or 'preach the gospel'. Lester Sumrall is one of my favourite Gospel men from the last 200 years.



Hudson Taylor Rejected by many and scorned and mocked by established churchianity in Great Britain, Hudson went on to found the China Inland Mission. [Hudson Taylor- Missionary to China - YouTube](#)



William Booth Oh William Booth. Time would fail me to tell of him and his excellent wife, Catherine. A man constantly encountering opposition from 'bodies' of Methodist men and others, went on to found the Salvation Army and blazed a trail for God around the world, despite all their opposition. (See paragraphs at the

end of this article!)

Smith Wigglesworth another poor man from 'another turnip town' in Yorkshire and called by God to shake the world.

[God's Generals Series - Smith Wigglesworth - YouTube](#) get the basics of Smith Wigglesworth here!

[Smith Wigglesworth - Wikipedia](#)



Gladys Aylward A woman rejected by the Mission Board to go to China for a variety of reason, this, who we can call a working-class woman from London, who cleaned houses and washed dishes for a living, who loved Jesus so much she was called by Him to go to China and so she went without any 'body of men' to help her. Gladys Aylward: [The Small Woman With A Great God \(2010\) | Full Movie | Carol Puves - YouTube](#)

When Gladys 'went' she truly 'went' and spent most of her life deep inside Inland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong creating a great work for the Lord which remains even today! The movie 'Inn of the sixth Happiness' is a celebration of her life starring Ingrid Bergman

[The Inn of the Sixth Happiness \(23.11.1958\) Full Movie - YouTube](#)

Now don't get me wrong, I am not saying you shouldn't go to church, fellowship or neglect the gathering together of yourselves with other true believers, but what I am saying is that you first of all have to know that God has called

you and has gifts, talents and a job for you, that is not dependent on any man, woman or group of them.

How did God call you?

When did God call you?

What has He called you for on this earth?

Remember it may not be a great high and mighty job like Elijah or Moses, often and usually it means just being faithful continually for decades in a certain calling that God has given you.

I wept today as I viewed some of these videos and how they touch my heart and influence me to want to keep following Jesus. I pray these videos and articles will greatly encourage you this week. Don't feel alone any more, don't feel neglected by your pastor or regional supervisors, or your fellow Christians! Draw near to God and ask Him for the power, the gifts and the revelation or confirmation of what you should be

doing! God will make a new step in your life and like the old cliché says 'Take you to the next level!' Ha! You will find a new awareness in your life from now on if you do this. God will lead you to the right people to build with if you ask Him and you will bear fruit that remains, and much fruit that your Father may be glorified. John 15.

Until next week. Jerry

More information about William Booth. Extracted from the excellent book 'The Second Evangelical Awakening'

by J. Edwin Orr. Pages 71-72.

The most effective work (in Cornwall, 1861-2) developed through the visit of William and Catherine BOOTH from outside the county. [Over 7,000 converts came as a result of their ministry there]

....How did the Methodist churches show their appreciation of the Booths? In June 1862 the Methodist New Connexion Conference at

Dudley (A body of men!) accepted his resignation, disapproving his Revivalism. In the same month the Primitive Methodist Conference at Sheffield aimed a blow at his (Booth's) calling in a resolution urging all its pastors 'to avoid the employing of Revivalists so-called'. And the Wesleyan Conference (A body of men!) next month at Cambourne—in spite of the knowledge that Booth had added 4,247 new members to (their) Wesleyan churches in Cornwall—directed its superintendents not to allow their chapels for continuous services by 'outsiders'. So the Booths departed from Cornwall with the jeers of the Wesleyan President about the 'Perambulations of the male and female' ringing in their ears.' (End of extract).

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