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WHEN GOD CALLS PEOPLE. Part I WHEN GOD CALLS YOU.

Dearest Friends and brothers and Sisters,

God bless you.

It is no light thing when God calls you. When He chooses you, when He makes known to you that He has a special plan for your life.

In short, it's a great thing to be called by God and chosen for His Kingdom to represent Him on this planet for a short time.

In this series, I have chosen (at least) ten people who represent this wonderful truth. I may get through four or five of them in this first edition in order not to make these files too long.

Some are in the Bible and a few are in church history. And the fourth person is a man who was at death's door, having completely messed up his life, and Jesus came to him and chose him to simply share the truth that Jesus Himself showed him. It is one of the most beautiful and powerful videos I believe you could ever see. I think it is suitable for ages 14 years and upwards.

So let's simply begin in Scripture, and consider the people who God calls and how He called them.



1. **ISAIAH.**
Isaiah chapter
6 In the year

that King Uzziah died, [in a vision] I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and the skirts of His train filled the [most holy part of the] temple.

² Above Him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two [each] covered his [own] face, and with two [each] covered his feet, and with two [each] flew.

³ And one cried to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone *and* ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!

⁶ Then flew one of the seraphim [heavenly beings] to me, having a live coal in his hand which he had taken with tongs from off the altar;

⁷ And with it he touched my mouth and said, Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity *and* guilt are taken away, and your sin is completely atoned for *and* forgiven.

⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

⁹ And He said, Go and tell this people, Hear *and* hear continually, but understand not; and see *and* see continually, but do not apprehend with your mind.

¹⁰ Make the heart of this people fat; and make their ears heavy and shut their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and turn again and be healed.

¹¹ Then said I, Lord, how long? And He answered, Until cities lie waste without inhabitant and houses without man, and the land is utterly desolate,

¹² And the Lord removes [His] people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

¹³ And though a tenth [of the people] remain in the land, it will be for their destruction [eaten up and burned] like a terebinth tree or like an oak whose stump *and* substance remain when they are felled *or* have cast their leaves. The holy seed [the elect remnant] is the stump *and* substance [of Israel].

This is a stupendous revelation that Isaiah was



permitted to see. What a spiritual experience! God chose him, but first God purged away all his sins with the fiery coal and then God also, as He nearly always does, gave his son Isaiah a calling and ministry, or 'job' as we can also say. God never calls you unless He gives you a 'job'. He calls you, because there is something in you, put in there by God, that He knows you will be able to **DO**.

2. JEREMIAH. 1:1-9



1 The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin [two or three miles north of Jerusalem],

2 To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah in the thirteenth year of his reign. (links below)

3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, until the carrying away of Jerusalem into captivity in the fifth month.

4 Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying,

5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated *and* set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am only a youth.

7 But the Lord said to me, Say not, I am only a youth; for you shall go to all to whom I shall send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

8 Be not afraid of them [their faces], for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.

9 Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

Like so many important events, the Bible nearly always give the dates and months so people can know when all this happened! Here Jeremiah is called by the Word of the Lord. Jeremiah was the son of a priest from a large group of priests who lived together or in the vicinity of each other only a few miles from the sacred city (at the time) of Jerusalem.

The Lord greatly encouraged Jeremiah because he was young. **He told him a lot about not being afraid, but just holding on to the message of God and speaking it out.** Perhaps slightly similar to the advice Paul gave Timothy in the New Testament. Jeremiah has always been a great example to me, since my parents called me Jeremy, for some reason when I was born in the winter of 1954.

The Lord touched Jeremiah's mouth giving it power and ability to receive and speak His Words. You cannot win others unless the Lord touches your heart and mouth.

3. SAMSON.



Now here is a 'funny' thing! God calls Samson through his parents. The Lord had a job for Samson. This story is in the time of the Judges who judged Israel, and can be found in the Old Testament of the Bible, in the Book of Judges, chapters 13-16.

Now it is interesting to remember that both the births of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ were known in advance by their parents. It was a secret thing, known only by the parents. **Well, what does this and the Samson story tell us? It tells us something extremely important; that God uses Godly parents to create children and blesses them because God knows they are righteous people.** God rewards them with a special child. And God tells them often in advance in the Bible what their child is going to do!

This is a story in which we clearly see the difference between husbands and wives also! In this particular instance the wife had greater faith than her man. Yet we can also see the practicality of the husband and his desire, as a godly husband and provider, to know exactly what the 'rules' were for

this future man of God.

Judges 13:1-25

And the Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.

² And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children.

³ And the Angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, Behold, you are barren and have no children, but you shall become pregnant and bear a son.

⁴ Therefore beware and drink no wine or strong drink and eat nothing unclean.

⁵ For behold, you shall become pregnant and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from birth, and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hands of the Philistines.

⁶ Then the woman went and told her husband, saying, A Man of God came to me and his face was like the face of the Angel of God, to be greatly and reverently feared. I did not ask him from where he came, and he did not tell me his name.

⁷ But he said to me, Behold, you shall become pregnant and bear a son, and now drink no wine or strong drink and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from birth to the day of his death.

⁸ Then Manoah entreated the Lord and said, O Lord, let the Man of God whom You sent come again to us and teach us what we shall do with the child that shall be born.

⁹ And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in

the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her.

¹⁰ And the woman ran in haste and told her husband and said to him, Behold, the Man who came to me the other day has appeared to me.

¹¹ And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the Man and said to him, Are you the Man who spoke to this woman? And he said, I am.

¹² And Manoah said, Now when your words come true, how shall we manage the child, and what is he to do?

¹³ And the Angel of the Lord said to Manoah, Let the mother beware of all that I told her.

¹⁴ She may not eat of anything that comes from the grapevine, nor drink wine or strong drink nor eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe.

¹⁵ And Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, Pray, let us detain you that we may prepare a kid for you.

¹⁶ And the Angel of the Lord said to Manoah, Though you detain me, I will not eat of your food, but if you make ready a burnt offering, offer it to the Lord. For Manoah did not know that he was the Angel of the Lord.

¹⁷ And Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, What is your name, so that when your words come true, we may do you honor?

¹⁸ And the Angel of the Lord said to him, Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?

¹⁹ So Manoah took the kid with the cereal offering and offered it upon a rock to the Lord, the Angel working wonders, while Manoah and his wife looked on.

²⁰ For when the flame went up toward the heavens from the altar, the Angel of the Lord ascended in the altar flame. And Manoah and

his wife looked on, and they fell on their faces to the ground.

²¹ The Angel of the Lord did not appear again to Manoah or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the Angel of the Lord.

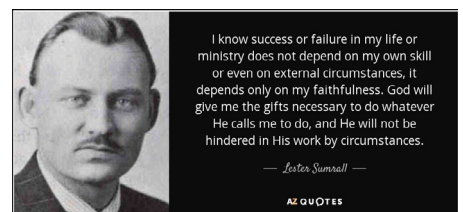
²² And Manoah said to his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

²³ But his [sensible] wife said to him, If the Lord were pleased to kill us, He would not have received a burnt offering and a cereal offering from our hands, nor have shown us all these things or now have announced such things as these.

²⁴ And the woman [in due time] bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew and the Lord blessed him.

²⁵ And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in Mahaneh-dan [the camp of Dan] between Zorah and Eshtaol.

4. THE MAN AT DEATH'S DOOR. [He Died for 40 Minutes - What He Saw In Jail Will Change You Forever](#) **THOSE OF YOU ARE SENSITIVE TO THE SPIRIT, WILL WATCH THIS. I THANK ROBERT AND MARY FOR SENDING THIS TO ME, which has changed my life forever.** Here is a man who has been called by God.



5. LESTER SUMRALL. Let's switch up to Lester Sumrall, one of the greatest and most fruitful evangelists of the 20th century. I have spoken of him before, but because of his importance and faithfulness, I wish to honour him again in this series.

These are video clips which i deeply encourage you to watch. Lester Sumrall was called by the Lord to preach the Gospel in all the nations of the world Lester was from a poor part of the United States. His father was Irish and had an extreme drinking problem. The Lord called Lester when he was an older teen.

The Lord gave him a choice (as he was so rebellious) in a vision when he had tuberculosis, and was dying at the age of 17, I believe, to choose between a coffin, or obeying God and preaching the Gospel. The lord only gave him a few minutes to decide! Watch this amazing video of this experience and apply it to yourself.

[Lester Sumrall funeral - Google](#)

[Search](#) (From death bed to Global evangelist).

It's important to note that Lester Sumrall, as he began to obey the Lord and a few years before the second world war started, that he was mentored by Smith Wigglesworth. I talk to many Christians today and they unfortunately know little to nothing about this great man Smith Wigglesworth, POSSIBLY THE MOST FRUITFUL MISSIONARY IN THE 20TH CENTURY ALONG WITH Hudson Taylor and George Muller.

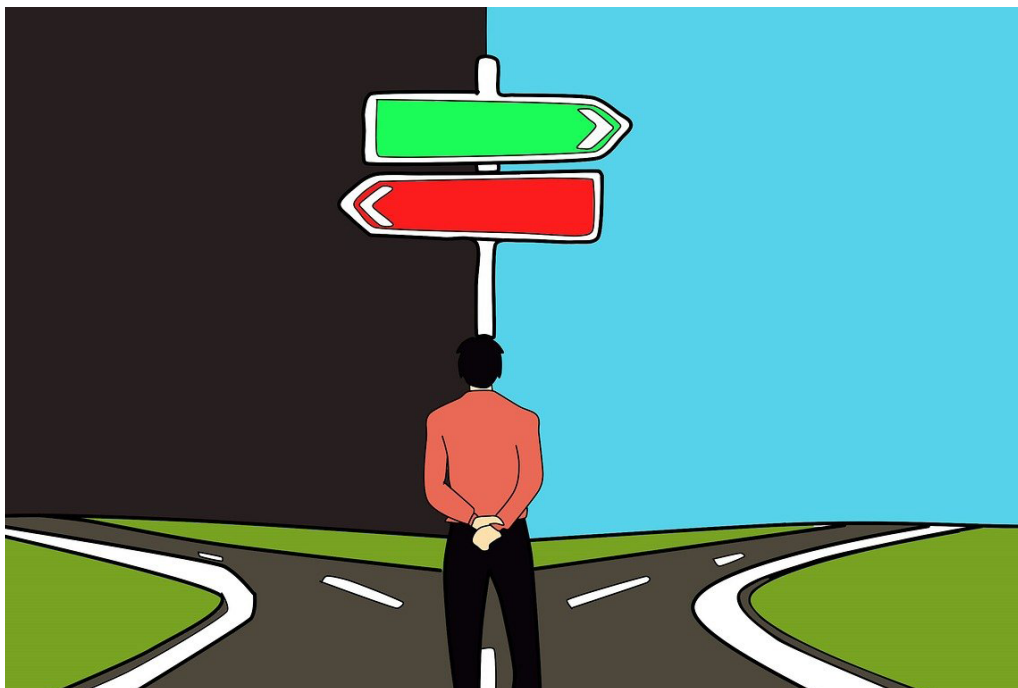
In my opinion Smith Wigglesworth laid the foundations with God's help for all believers in the world today from his ministry in the 20th century. Lester Sumrall enjoyed a great deal of pastoral care from

him, which you can enjoy in this tremendous video homage.

[Lester Sumrall Shares Some of His Experiences With Smith Wigglesworth](#)

That's it for this week! Don't miss out on the next edition, which **could** include people like:

Paul
Hudson Talyor
Gladys Alyward
Pandita Ramabai and a few other people you have surely never heard of including a special finale person....!
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