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***“You were called...”***

***You are called into the fellowship of God’s Son...***

There is a Call of God to come and fellowship Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***What is the process of the call?***

Turn to 1 Corinthians 10:1-5, I want you to notice the emphasis that Paul is making on the word ALL.

***1 Corinthians 10:1-5 NKJV*** "Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that ***all*** our fathers were under the cloud, ***all*** passed through the sea, ***all*** were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ***all*** ate the same spiritual food, and ***all*** drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.“

***Paul is describing God’s availability to the fathers.***

All of them had the same exposure and opportunity.

God gave all of them the same grace and mercy.

Yet, with most of them God was not well pleased.

***Exposure to God’s faithfulness was not enough for them.***

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***God's grace gives light in darkness.***

***This process leads to our becoming a new creation in Christ Jesus.***

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said to him, 'Where are you?'"

***When God made the garden, the earth, and man there was no need for a call.***

*Man was there, and God showed up, and walked and talked with man in the cool of the day.*

*God never had to call or seek.*

*Adam was just there.*

*It was spontaneous.*

*It was natural.*

***But as soon as man sinned everything changed.***

*Man's conscience fell into guilt and condemnation.*

*Man hid himself from God.*

*Man tried to cover up.*

***The first time we see God calling for man is after the fall.***

**Genesis 3:9 NKJV** "Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, **Where are you?**"

***This is the first call in the Bible.***

*This call represented a changed position.*

*Adam was not available.*

*Adam was trying to hide and get away from a guilty conscience.  
Adam was **running from his guilt** and was **hiding from God.***

***From that moment on God has been calling out to men.***

*He called to Abraham:*

*"Abraham, Abraham" Genesis 22:11*

*He called Moses: "Moses, Moses" Exodus 3:4*

***Every time that call has been given and heard, it related to Jesus Christ the Son of God.***

#7

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in Corinth they did not fully  
respond to the call of God.  
The message of the call was not to  
hide but to see. They did not see.

***The Call represented a changed position.  
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***In Corinth, they did not fully respond to the call of God.***

***God called them to come to Jesus Christ.***

Things are not what they appear to be on the surface.

They did not come short in gifts and talents.

But, there is much lacking in their fellowship with Christ.

***Paul reminded them that they were called into the fellowship with God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.***

***The call, of the seeking God, refers all the way back to when He first called Adam.***

#8

God said: Adam, where are you?  
I have called you from the  
ground and you are here.  
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ground and you are here.  
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ground and you are here.

God said: "Adam, Where are you?"

God knew where Adam was, He needed Adam to see where he was.

Adam had changed positions.

He was not available.

***God is still calling men today.***

***That call will continue until the Last Trumpet shall sound.***

That will be the final note of the Ages.

That is when God will Call us up.

***I trust that we all shall hear the call.***

***Luke 19:10 KJV*** "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

***This is the persistence of God's grace.***

***God has been seeking to save those who are lost.***

#9



*We see this in Adam, in Abraham, in Moses, and in the children of Israel.*

***In 1 Corinthians 10, all of Israel was in the wilderness under the cloud of God.***

*Although they were close to entering into the covenant blessing, they lost everything in the wilderness.*

***Even with all God did, they lost everything.***

***Here in Corinth, the Holy Spirit brought the people to the exact same position Israel was in.***

*Repeatedly the Holy Spirit came with the warning about Israel in the wilderness.*

***He is saying: "This is for you...It is written as an example for you."***

*The Holy Spirit was telling them that they were in the same condition.*

#10



***1 Corinthians 10:1-5 NKJV*** "all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink"

***The Apostle Paul told them that the majority of Israel perished in the wilderness.***

*They were exposed to the living Christ.*

*They saw His power, glory, and blessing.*

*They ate miracle food, and drank miracle water.*

*Yet, they died in the wilderness.*

***He says some of them survived.***

***Only a hand full, a holy remnant survived.***

***The Holy Spirit was telling the Corinthians: "You are in that same position."***

***They knew the blessing, the glory, the power, and yet they did not know the fellowship of the Son.***

***The majority in Christianity today are in the same position as Israel in the wilderness.***

*They are all under the cloud of His presence.*

***They all know His grace and blessing.***

*They are all supernaturally blessed and helped.*

*They are all sustained by the same spiritual food and drink.*

***Jesus saves, heals, and supplies.***

***He keeps, protects, and shields.***

*Yet, the majority of people are missing the fellowship with God's Son.*

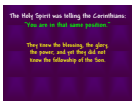
***Those who survived made it through because they responded to the call of God to fellowship with His Son.***

*It is possible for Christians to fail to come into the fullness to which they are called in Christ.*

*This is the ultimate issue for the church.*

*This is a matter of the heart.*

#11





### ***The majority of Israel had a divided heart.***

*Review the Bible book by book, you will see this is the deciding principle in every relationship with God.*

***In the wilderness, the trouble with most of them was a divided heart.***

*This was the problem described in Cain and Abel*

*It is seen in Abraham and Lot*

*It was the problem with Jacob and Esau*

*It is referenced in Isaac and Ishmael*

*You see it in David and Saul.*

### ***Those with a divided heart had many other interests.***

*Other things took them away from God.*

*Other things were more important.*

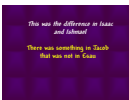
*They were hungry for the pleasures of Egypt rather than for God.*

*They were carried away with the desires of things.*

***Everyone of who were totally committed to God enjoyed the blessings of His fellowship.***

*They were able to enter into His promises.*

#13



### ***You can see this in Isaac and Ishmael.***

*Isaac was a man of the wells.*

*He was a man of life.*

*He knew the Lord.*

***He walked in the fellowship of Christ that Abraham had known.***

*He was willing to lay down everything to gain fellowship with Christ.*

***Go into the land of Ishmael today and you will find no living testimony.***

There is an atmosphere of death.  
The land is filled with mourning.

***Islam has robbed them of fellowship with Christ.***

***Look at Jacob and Esau.***

God had to dig deep in ***Jacob***.

There was something there that Esau did not have.

***Jacob would hear the call of God.***

That s why God is called, "the God of Jacob".

God met him at Bethel, and at Jabbok.

When Jacob was away from God, God had His hand on him.

Deep down there was something that gave him a heart for God.

***Esau despised his birthright.***

He sold everything of value for a bowl of soup.

He lightly esteemed the things that should have been of great value.

***The Condition of the Heart is the thing that matters.***

***Deuteronomy 8:2 NKJV*** "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not."

***Psalms 106 tells the whole story.***

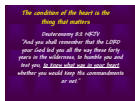
*Israel's heart was divided.*

*God knew what was in their heart, but He wanted them to know their own heart.*

***Psalms 106 tells of God's faithfulness and their wayward heart.***

*They sinned and rebelled against God, and provoked God to anger.*

#14



*They served their idols and sacrificed their sons and daughters.*

*They did not obey His law or His instructions.*

*They became unclean by their actions.*

***Yet, many times, He delivered them.***

***He regarded their distress when He heard them cry.***

***He remembered His covenant and showed compassion.***

***This is exactly what Paul is requiring the Corinthians to do.***

***The Holy Spirit is testing their heart.***

***He is calling them to evaluate their own heart.***

***Where is your heart?***

***At Corinth they were involved in what many would call a great revival.***

*Paul demonstrates their gifts and talents.*

*They were truly Pentecostal.*

*Gifts were everything to them.*

*Sensational evidences were everything.*

*They appreciated emotion, and the supernatural.*

***The people were excited about what the Lord could do for them.***

*They were rejoicing in the gifts they had been given.*

*They were not lacking in God's blessings.*

***This has been the problem throughout Man's history.***

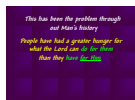
***People have had a greater hunger and appreciation for what the Lord can do for them than they have for Him.***

***This was the difference with those who got out of the wilderness, and those who died in it.***

***Look and listen to the people in the wilderness.***



#16



*They complained that God did not give them more.  
God could never satisfy the desires of their heart.*

***They wanted more things.***

***They wanted more blessing.***

***They were under the cloud, and in the presence of Almighty God.***

*God was giving them everything they needed.*

*They should have turned their eyes on to the Lord.*

*They were not able to see what God was doing for them.*

***When Israel came to the border of the Promised Land, they had grieved God so much that He was ready to disown them.***

*God told them they could go into the Promised Land and that His angels would go with them.*

***He promised to bless them and give them the land.***

***However, He said He would not go with them.***

***Moses told the Lord that if His presence did not go with them, he was not interested in going anywhere.***

***This is the whole issue of being called into the fellowship of God's Son.***

The only thing that matters in life is the presence of the Lord being with me.

#17

***Exodus 33:12-15 NKJV*** "Then Moses said to the LORD, 'See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, ***that I may know You*** and that I may find grace in Your sight.

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***This is the whole issue of our Christian life.***

Moses needed more than a visit from the Glorious Christ.

He needed more than a bush that did not burn up.

He was not satisfied with a visit to holy ground.

He wanted to know the Lord.

He wanted to walk in the Presence of the Almighty.

This is why Moses prayed: ***"I want to know You."***

***This is the issue in the Church and in your life.***

***Is the Lord with you?***

#19

This is the issue in the Church and in your life  
 Is the Lord with you?  
 There is one who dwells  
 near to the Lord.

This is the ultimate thing.

It is everything in your life.

***We want the Lord to be able to say, "I am with you."  
 You cannot always feel the presence of the Lord.***

Most of the time, it is a walk of faith.

***But the thing that matters is the presence of the Lord.***

When we feel His presence and we know He is there, we know we are on holy ground with Jesus Christ.

***This is what we know we have been called into.***

***A. B. Simpson said it this way, "Once it was the blessings, now it is the Lord."***

***David said, "He set the Lord always before his face."***

May the Lord find in us an undivided heart!

***We have been called into the fellowship of the Son.***