



A Masters for My Master

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As children of God, we grow up contemplating the question: “What is God’s calling on my life?” We attend youth conferences and hear people of God instruct us from the platform to seek God’s calling in our lives. We anticipate the day where God will show us His divine call on our lives. We open ourselves up as willing vessels and commit to God that we will do whatever He calls us to do, but what happens when your calling is not anything you planned or dreamed it would be?

I began seeking my calling in life at a very young age. I had always felt drawn to ministering to people and I remember telling God that I would do anything He called me to do, except missions. Thankfully, God knew the desires of my heart better than I and He grew a great passion in me for home and foreign missions. During my undergraduate program in college, I went on mission trips every summer and I had determined that I was going to join AIM as soon as I graduated; however, God had other plans for me.

With graduation approaching, I prayed for God to lead me in His perfect will. I sought His direction in my life and, ultimately, the Lord led me to an acceptance to graduate school. Instead of willingly walking through the door the Lord led me to, I decided to argue with Him before class one day. “God, I don’t want to go to school anymore. I am just wasting my time here when I should be on the mission field making an impact for You.” God then answered me by saying, “I will put you in the mission field I have called you to be in.”

With that one answered prayer, God changed my view of the rest of my life. There I was, sitting in a college class full of people that did not know the truth. There I was, sitting in the mission field God had called me to and all I could see was the calling I had envisioned for myself. With one answered prayer, I decided to get a master’s degree for my Master. Throughout graduate school, I prayed every morning that God would shine His light through me and lead me to minister to His people. Within two years of graduate school, the Lord formed some of the greatest friendships in my life and He allowed me to share His truth and His love to my classmates. God also led me to unite my classmates and lead a weekly Bible study to encourage my classmates and myself during the stressful events in graduate school. During graduate school, God used me in the mission field He had called me to.

In Jeremiah 29:11, the Lord tells us that He knows the plans He has for us, plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future. In this scripture, God over heaven and earth took the time to tell us in His living word that HE already has plans to prosper us. He already has a calling on our lives that we can trust in.

The callings and plans God has for us are individualized to our specific lives and talents. God has placed a calling on our lives to be apostolic teachers, physical therapists, doctors, speech-language pathologists, nurses, lawyers, counselors, or realtors. God has called us to attend certain colleges, graduate programs, or technical schools to be a light for Him to people that have never heard the truth. God has called us to certain professions to impact the people we call our clients or colleagues. God has called each and every one of us to the specific mission field He has chosen for us.



So when evaluating God's calling on our lives, let us allow Him to place us in the mission field He has called us to. Let Him use the talents He has given us in the profession or mission field He has chosen for us. Let Him work ALL things together for the good of those who love God and are CALLED according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).