

Living Out Your Calling “Called To Be Loved”

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“Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.” Ephesians 1: 4-5 (NLT)

- **The first purpose of my life is to be loved by God.**

“This letter is from Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who are CALLED TO LIVE IN THE LOVE OF GOD the Father and in the CARE of Jesus Christ.” Jude 1:1 (NLT)

- **My first calling is to enjoy a relationship with God.**

“I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.” Romans 1:7 (NLT)

- **The relationship is to be simply His son or His daughter.**

“What an incredible quality of love the Father has shown to us, that we should be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! 1 John 3:1 (Amplified Bible)

“Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. 18. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.” Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT)

What happens if I stay aware of God's constant love for me...

1. I feel accepted rather than ashamed.

“By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God.” Romans 5:1 (CEV)

“If God says his chosen ones are acceptable to him, can anyone bring charges against them? Or can anyone condemn them? No indeed!” Romans 8:33-34 (CEV)

2. I am bold in bringing needs to God.

“All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God! So, you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family – calling him ‘Father, dear Father.’ ... And since we are his children, we will share his treasures – for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too.” Romans 8:14-15, 17 (NLT)

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”
Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

3. I have peace in pain that I don't understand.

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28 (ESV)

Christians have the exact same problems that non-Christians do.

4. I gain the courage to take risks.

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.” 1 John 4:18 (NIV)

5. I worship instead of worry.

“So don't worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. He will give you all you need from day today if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.” Matthew 6:31-34 (NLT)

Worship and worry cannot reside in the same heart.

“Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life.” Romans 5:13b
(NLT)

“To all who believed him and accepted him, Jesus gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12 (NLT)