



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Matthew 3	Title:	The Call of God
Author	Ps Li Cuixian		
Summary of Chapter	This chapter talks about John the Baptist who fulfilled God's call and purpose for his life to be the voice in the wilderness, preparing the way for Jesus.		

Key Verse(s)	How does it speak to me?
³ <i>The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him!'" (Matthew 3:3; NLT)</i>	<p>This verse makes me stop and ponder. What is God's call on my life? How am I living out this call? When I was younger, I remember making Ecclesiastes 12:13 my life verse. "Fear God. Do what he tells you." (The Message) I pray that I will always respond to God's call and leading in such a manner at every juncture of my life.</p> <p>When God called me to serve Him full-time, I was only 17. I did not end up in full-time ministry in the church immediately after that call. In fact, after completing my diploma, God opened a door for me to work in United Bible Societies (UBS), and I followed that leading. At that point of time, I felt led to choose full-time in a parachurch organisation where I had been volunteering since my teens. It was a step of faith to do what He told me to.</p> <p>After working in UBS for 6 years, I received the offer to serve God in the pastorate. However, I was mindful of my dad's reaction. I submitted the matter to the Lord and accepted the offer. Surprisingly, my dad, who is an unbeliever, did not object! Amazingly, the Lord had prepared him from my stint in UBS.</p> <p>Fast forward to last year, I had another wrestle with the Lord. I had sought Him on how I can be more missional and care for my elderly parents more. Then amazingly I saw how the Lord opened the door for me to step out into this home dining ministry. The leading was so clear. It would have been more comfortable to remain in full-time ministry with a stable income than to venture out. I was constantly bombarded with self-doubts. However, when I saw how the Lord provided and led, I knew it was the hand of God. I had to follow His leading and walk by faith. I chose to trust and obey.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What is God's call at this juncture of your life? How are you living out this call?
Youth:	What is God calling you to do as a student? How are you living out this call?
Child:	If God ever show you all His secret paintings of you, how would He draw you now? Draw and share with your family. What would He draw of you when you grow up? What would He draw you doing for Him? Draw another picture and share with your family. Make it your prayer today, that what you think you will do will always be what God wants you to do.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, thank You for calling us to be Your sons and daughters. You have gifted us so that we can serve Your purposes in your kingdom. May we live out the call You have placed on our life.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day).
	In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.