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Calling

Do you want to know my calling on your life? Do you want to know where I want to send you? Do you want to know what I want to give you to do for me? Do you want to accomplish my purposes? Do you want to fulfill my plans? Do you want to bear an abundance of fruit for me? Do you want to bring glory to my name? Do you want to shine brightly for me as my witness in the world? You have asked me many questions for which I have only one answer. I want what you want. With all my heart and mind and soul and strength I will say one emphatic yes to each one of your questions. Without any hesitation, I want to know and do your will. I want to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. I want you to use my life as your instrument. I want to bear and abundance of fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. In every way, on every day, I want to shine brightly as a witness for you in the world. I will go wherever you send me. I will do whatever you ask of me. I will not hold back. I will keep nothing in reserve. I will not hedge my bets. I will not retreat. I will give myself fully to you. I want to do the work that you have prepared in advance for me to do. **That is very good.**

But, I know that you have a few questions that you want to ask me. Go ahead, ask your questions. How will I know for certain where you want to send me? How will I know without a doubt what you have given me to do for you? **Seek me with all your heart. Quiet yourself before me. Meet with me in my word. Meet with me in worship. Meet with in prayer. Focus your heart and mind and life on me. Draw near to me and I will draw near to you. Fast and pray. Hunger and thirst. Give me your full attention. When you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. I will lead you to where I want you to go. I will give you what I want you to do. When you follow me, you know for certain where I am leading you. When you listen to me, you have no doubt about what I have given you to do for me.** I will follow you. I will listen to you. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I want to know your calling on my life. I want to go where you want to send me. I want to do what you are asking me to do for you. I will fast and pray before you. I will quiet myself in your presence. I will seek your guidance. I will follow your direction. Amen

Guidance *Fasted And Prayed*

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

NIV Acts 13:2-3

Guidance *Fasting And Praying*

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

ESV Acts 13:2-3

Guidance *Fasting And Prayer*

One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.

NLT Acts 13:2-3

Guidance *Fasted And Prayed*

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away.

NKJV Acts 13:2-3

Guidance *Fasting And Praying*

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

NRSV Acts 13:2-3

Guidance *Fasting And Praying*

One day as they were worshiping God—they were also fasting as they waited for guidance—the Holy Spirit spoke: "Take Barnabas and Saul and commission them for the work I have called them to do." So they commissioned them. In that circle of intensity and obedience, of fasting and praying, they laid hands on their heads and sent them off.

MSG Acts 13:2-3

Guidance *Fasting And Praying*

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Separate now for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. Then after fasting and praying, they put their hands on them and sent them away.

AMP Acts 13:2-3

Guidance *Fasting And Prayer*

One day as these men were worshiping and fasting the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Paul for a special job I have for them." So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them—and sent them on their way.

TLB Acts 13:2-3

Guidance *Fasted And Prayed*

While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

NASB Acts 13:2-3

Guidance *Gave Up Eating And Prayed*

They were all worshiping the Lord and giving up eating for a certain time. During this time the Holy Spirit said to them, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul to do a special work for which I have chosen them." So after they gave up eating and prayed, they laid their hands on Barnabas and Saul and sent them out.

NCV Acts 13:2-3

Fasted And Prayed

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Guidance – Acts 13:2-3

In Context: *Read Acts 13*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, I want to know your calling on my life. I want to go where you want to send me. I want to do what you are asking me to do for you. I will fast and pray before you. I will quiet myself in your presence. I will seek your guidance. I will follow your direction. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How have you sought to know and do the Lord’s will?

When have you fasted and prayed so that you could know and od the Lord’s will?

How have you come to understand God’s call on your life?

What has the Lord called you to go and do for Him?

How has the Lord’s call on your life made you able to bear fruit for Him?

What distractions have hindered you from knowing God’s call on your life?

What roadblocks have stood in the way of your knowing and doing God’s will?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Fast and pray so that you will be able to know what God is calling you to go and do for Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord has a calling on your life.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group what the Lord is calling you to do for Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you fast and pray so you will know what God is calling you to go and do for Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will fast and pray so I will know your calling on my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what do you want to show me as I fast and pray?
