

When God Says – Call To Me | Pastor Steve 06.09.2019
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Memory Verse: Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

³ Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”

Psalm 139:1-18 (NIV)

¹ You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.”

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- How does this passage make you feel?
- What verse(s) stand out to you?

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Isaiah 55:8 (NLT)

⁸ “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.”

Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

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Share about a time in your life when things just didn’t make sense – but looking back now – you can see God was there with you.

- Describe how you felt during that time.
- Was there a verse/promise that you were clinging to, hoping it would be true in your life?
- Share how your faith has been strengthened because of that experience.

James 1:5 (NIV)

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

- During the time you shared about (or thought about privately), did you have someone in your life you went to seeking godly counsel? (This may have been your parents, sibling, pastor, or a small group leader who has already travelled that road.)
- Do you know who you would go to now for godly counsel?

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

- What does this mean?
- Can you give an example of a time where there was a temptation, but you were able to see the way of escape?

Pastor Steve shared this quote today, explaining that true learning comes when we evaluate our experiences.

“Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth, our freedom and our understanding.”

-Viktor E. Frankl

- When you come out of a time of temptation or a struggle do you evaluate why that may have happened?
- Do you try to see how you can avoid that in the future?
- How can you prepare yourself for future temptations?