



I HAVE A GREAT CALLING TO SEE PEOPLE RESTORED!

Perhaps you've heard the phrase "delusions of grandeur." It is typically used when someone possesses a serious gap in their judgment between their dream and their actual ability, thinking they are destined for greatness in something they are not proficient at in reality. Reality television shows exploit these delusions, giving significant airtime to people who are convinced they possess a special skill they quite obviously don't have. Viewers cringe as they wonder how these contestants could be such poor judges of their own ability. At the root of any such "delusion" is a powerful force — all of us desire to be great. We long for our lives to count for something significant. We want to be special and to make a difference. The reason we desire to be great is because we were *born* to be significant. While you may not ever win a talent show, you need to understand that the God of the universe knit you with profound purpose and love, and his calling for your life is so great you couldn't possibly out-dream it. You cannot possess delusions of grandeur for the great and unique calling he has for you. You've been made to *reign* with him — to walk with him, to hear his voice and to follow his lead as you bring his Kingdom to earth as you love, serve, preach, heal and set the captives free all around you. Your life has so much more purpose than you've ever dared to dream. Stop looking around to compare yourself and your gifts to others. Stop obsessing about all of the things you feel someone else has that you lack. Breathe and embrace — once and for all — that the God who doesn't make mistakes has some incredible ways he wants to display his glory, majesty, goodness and power through you, and *only* you. You have a unique and great calling as a carrier of his presence. Believe it!

"Then Jesus came to them and said, '*All authority* in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, *go and make disciples* of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age!'" Matthew 28:18-20 – Emphasis added.

"But you shall receive *power* when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you *shall be my witnesses*, in Jerusalem and all Judea, in Samaria, and unto the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8 – Emphasis added.

"Now to him who is able to do *immeasurably more* than all we ask or imagine, according to his *power* that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen" Ephesians 3:20, 21 – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *So many people believe that making a difference for Jesus in the lives of others is reserved for pastors, revivalists or "special" select individuals. Have you ever felt that way? How does it affect you to know that God has given you a great calling to see people restored in him?*

2. *Do you find yourself comparing yourself or your gifts to others? Are there areas you feel other people are exceptional and you are just “ordinary”? What are they? Be honest with God, asking the Holy Spirit to break the enemy’s assignment of comparison. Ask God to help you understand and embrace your unique worth.*
3. *In what practical ways have you seen God impact other people through your life? Is there a pattern in how God has used you? Spend a few minutes asking him to broaden your understanding of your great calling!*

PRAYER:

*Lord Jesus, my life matters to you! I can see things change eternally in people’s lives today. I have been given your calling, authority and power to hear what you want for your kids and to be the hands and feet of “good news” in a way you’ve **only** given to me. I surrender to your plan. Open doors for me to manifest you and your love. Make me aware of the opportunities before me so that I can boldly go through every door you’ve opened even if it seems no one has gone there before me. Break the chains of comparison and help me to see and embrace the unique “overflow” that you allow to pour out of my life.*

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don’t rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Ask, “What does it mean for someone to have power or authority, like a police officer or the president? What does it mean for us as believers?” Pray and receive the power and authority that Jesus has freely given you to walk in your calling, and ask for sensitivity to know how to operate in it.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Read Colossians 4:2-4. Ask God to open doors of opportunity for the Gospel, for the wisdom to recognize those doors and the boldness to obey!