



***RECONNECT TO YOUR PURPOSE— PART III
“CALLED ACCORDING TO PURPOSE FOR MINISTRY”***

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Sermon Notes

Salvation in Jesus Christ automatically includes a call to ministry.

Ephesians 4:11-12

“(God) has given...pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of ministry, so the Body of Christ may be built up.”

The Bible says:

- **The Pastors are the ___TEACHERS_____**
- **The People are the ___MINISTERS_____**

What is a Minister?

- A high ranking servant.

What is a Ministry?

- It is the activity of people serving people, be it spiritual, physical, etc.

Every believer is created, saved, called, gifted, authorized, and commanded to minister.

Romans 8:26-30 (Amplified Bible)

26So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.

27And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His **intent** is], because the Spirit intercedes and pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will.

28We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are **called according to [His] design and purpose.**

29For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His

Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.

30And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being].

Conclusion

- You were called according to God's purpose in your life.
- You discover your purpose through ministry, instead of discovering your ministry by identifying your purpose.
- Your purpose is too big for you to handle alone.