

The Call Of God

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I. Ruth's Testimony

- A. God had plan and purpose
- B. Raised in Christian home
- C. Joined Marines and married a Jew
- D. 1952 – Converted to Judaism
- E. 1965 – Deserted by husband
- F. 1968 – Became ill
- G. Healed by God
- H. 1970 – Became ill again
- I. 10/1970 – Received Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit
- J. 2/1971 – Total surrender to Jesus Christ
- K. First call from God – intercession
- L. 1974–5 – Called to Israel/moved there
- M. 1977 – Fell and injured back; Derek prayed for her and she was healed
- N. 1978 – Married Derek
- O. 1979 – Radio ministry born

II. Truths Of God's Call—Derek

- A. God's call is sovereign (Rom. 1:1, 6–7)
- B. How Jesus called His disciples (Matt. 4:18–22)
 - 1. Follow Me
 - 2. Jesus made His choice—never called for volunteers (Luke 9:57–62)
 - 3. Challenge of uncompromising call of God
- C. What God's call entails (Matt. 10:34–39; 16:24–25; Luke 14:26–27, 33; John 12:24–26)
 - 1. Laying life down
 - 2. Hate mother, father, brothers, sisters, and own life and forsake all one has
 - 3. A life to lose and a life to find
- D. Four steps to follow Jesus
 - 1. Deny self, turn back on closest family relationships, material security, etc.
 - 2. Take up cross
 - a. The place where you die
 - b. The place where your will and God's will cross
 - 3. Become seed that falls into the ground, dies and comes up in a new form
 - 4. Find new life God has created for you
- E. Three aspects of this new life
 - 1. Motivation of the new life is to do the will of God (1 John 2:17)

***“He who does the will of God will abide forever.
If I do the will of God, I will abide forever.”***

- 2. Led by the Spirit of God (Rom. 8:14)
- 3. Provision comes from God (Mark 10:28–30)

“Lord, here I am. Send me.”