

# CALLED TO BE LOVED

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To understand your life purpose and understand your life calling you have to begin with God, because God created you. You can't tell yourself what your purpose is. Only your Creator can tell you what your purpose is. Your purpose, your calling in life, actually begins in the nature of God. The Bible tells us that God is love. The only reason you're able to love, the only reason you're able to give and receive love is because God, who is a God of love, made you in his image. Ants can't love. Snails can't love. Cows can't love. But human beings love because we're made in the image of God. The Bible says that everything in the universe was created so that God could love it. God made you, and he made you to love you. The Bible says this in Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT) “Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.” The first purpose of your life is to be loved by God. Let that sink in a little bit. The first purpose of your life is not to serve God. The first purpose of your life is not to trust God. The first purpose of your life is not to obey God. The first purpose of your life is not even to love God. No! The first purpose of your life is to let God love you. God didn't create you in the first place to do something. He created you in the first place to receive something. He created you to accept, to receive his love. To just let God love you. That's the first purpose of life. To be loved by God.



## • THE FIRST PURPOSE OF MY LIFE IS \_\_\_\_\_

“This letter is from Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who are CALLED TO LIVE IN THE LOVE OF GOD the Father and in the CARE of Jesus Christ.” Jude 1:1 (NLT)

## • MY FIRST CALLING IS \_\_\_\_\_

“Dear friends in Rome. God loves you dearly, and he has CALLED you to be his very own people.” Romans 1:7 (NLT)

## • THAT RELATIONSHIP IS TO BE \_\_\_\_\_

“What an incredible quality of love the Father has shown to us, that we should be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are!” 1 John 3:1 (Amp)

“I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how WIDE, how LONG, how HIGH, and how DEEP his love really is. May you EXPERIENCE the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it.” Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT)

- WIDE ENOUGH \_\_\_\_\_
- LONG ENOUGH \_\_\_\_\_
- DEEP ENOUGH \_\_\_\_\_
- HIGH ENOUGH \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT CHANGES HAPPEN IF I STAY AWARE OF GOD'S CONSTANT LOVE FOR ME?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
“By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God.” Romans 5:1 (CEV)

“If God says his chosen ones are acceptable to him, can anyone bring charges against them? Or can anyone condemn them? No indeed!” Romans 8:33-34 (CEV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
“All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God! So, you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family—calling him ‘Father, dear Father.’ ...And since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too.”  
Romans 8:14-15, 17 (NLT)

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NIV)

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.” 1 John 4:18 (NIV)

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
“So don't worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.” Matthew 6:33-34 (NLT)

“Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life.” Romans 6:13b (NLT)

“To all who believed him and accepted him, Jesus gave the right to become children of God...” John 1:12 (NLT)