

PART THREE

*Dancing for the Lord*

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## *God's Call*

*Faithful is the One who calls you —  
and He will make it happen!*

*— 1 Thessalonians 5:24*

When God calls us into a specific gifting, role, or position, we may not feel qualified or understand the fullness of it, but it is a done deal as far as He is concerned. God's call upon His people is always grand; that is, it is beyond what we consider ourselves capable of.

Just like many people in the Bible, we often do not grasp the Lord's vision for our lives at the moment it is revealed. Sarah laughed when she heard that she was to bear a child in her very old age. Moses perceived a lack in his speaking skills, so he did not feel qualified to go before Pharaoh and speak for the release of his kinsmen. Gideon did not feel he was a strong and courageous warrior, so he asked God for multiple signs of confirmation. Saul declared to Samuel that he was from the least of the clans of the tribe of Benjamin, and at the age of forty, he hid among the baggage when he was about to be set as king over Israel. Jeremiah thought he was too young and ill-equipped to serve as the Lord's prophet. In each of these lives, however, God knew what He had

put within them and the great things they would achieve. He knows the same about you. God has purposes for your life that you can't even imagine yet, purposes that He placed within you at the time He first thought of you.

Regardless of what a person does for a living, as believers in Christ, we are all called to live a life dedicated to the Lord and to spread the gospel. Each of us is responsible for our personal relationship with Him and for growing in our understanding of the scriptures, which were written to assist us in building up the church, equipping and encouraging one another, and using the gifts of the five-fold ministry (missionaries, prophets, evangelists, preachers, and teachers). We do these things in the midst of living our daily lives wherever we go in all the earth. The Lord created us to minister in a great variety of ways in order to reach a great variety of people. When you give Him your attention and devotion, He will lead you and grow you, continually expanding your skills and ability to walk right into His specific call for your life.

Even more biblical examples illustrate that you are, or will be, strategically placed. Abraham was a wealthy shepherd, who, by his obedience to the Lord, left his extended family to go to a place the Lord would show him. He did many great things, and, in his old age, became the father of many nations. Through his one promised son, the twelve tribes of Israel were born. After young Joseph received a dream indicating he would have great authority, he was sold into slavery and spent years in prison. Yet he was eventually established as second in command of the kingdom. God used him to save his family and many others from famine.

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