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Callings
are about
Who we are
How we live
And what we give our lives to.

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Our **callings** are the way that we participate
in God's activity in the world today .

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God sustains creation through our callings.

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Callings are about ALL of life—our family, church, community, world

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And not just what we do in our work life.

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Our first calling comes from God.

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God calls us into **relationship**

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And into a life of discipleship.

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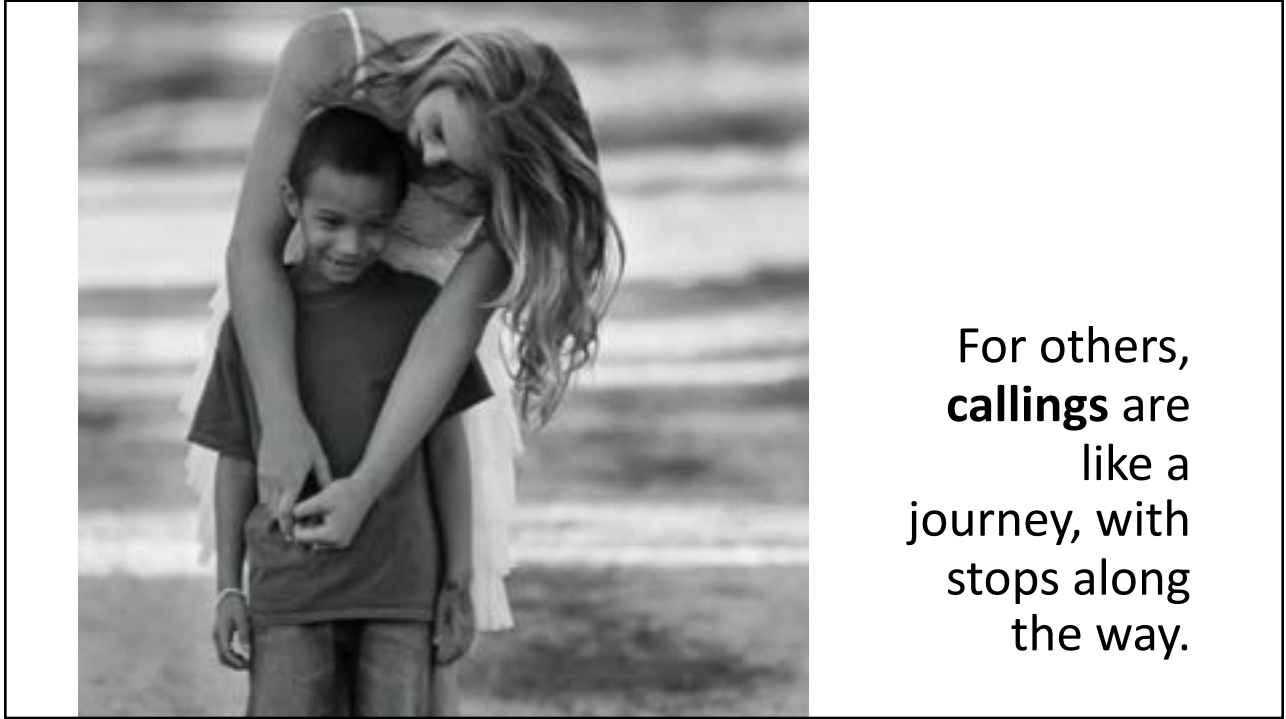
is a life of living out our callings.

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Some people experience their **callings** like an acorn.
A small seed that grows over time.

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For others,
callings are
like a
journey, with
stops along
the way.

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And for still others, **CALLINGS** are surprising discoveries!

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I am called...

*by God
to follow
as I am
from grief
for service
in suffering
through others
within God.*

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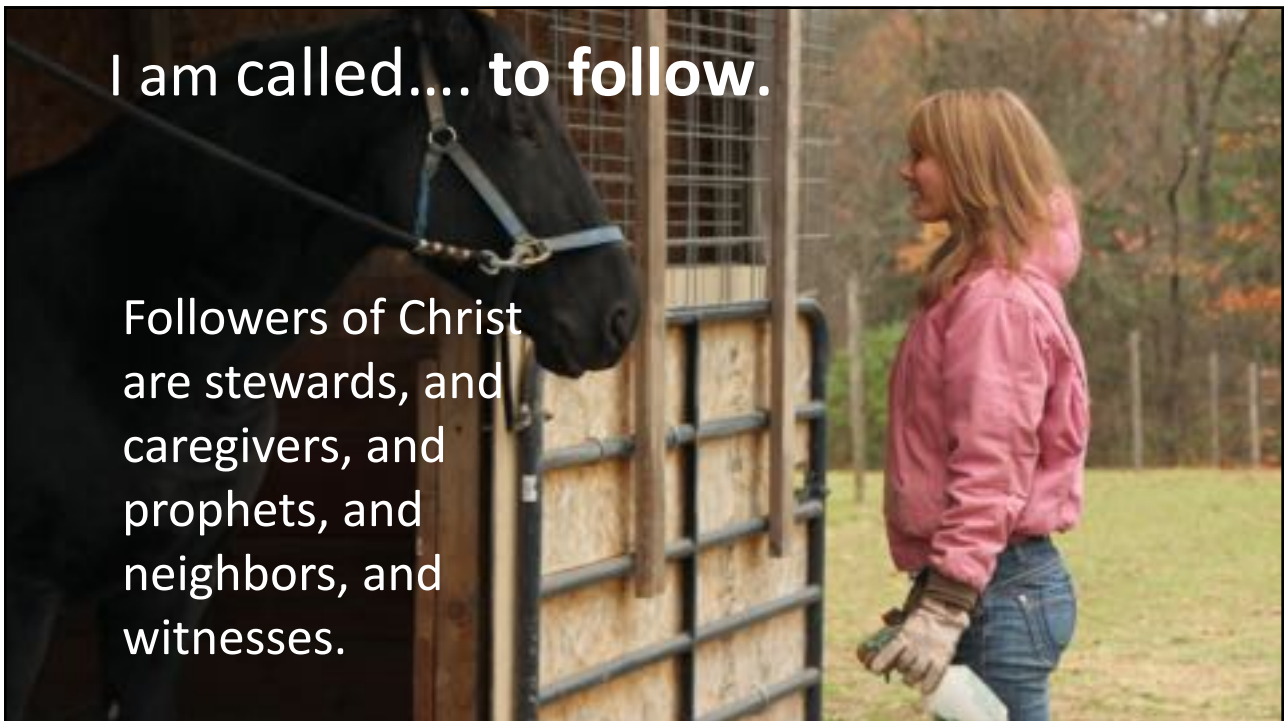


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...something we create with God and others,
unique to each of our lives.

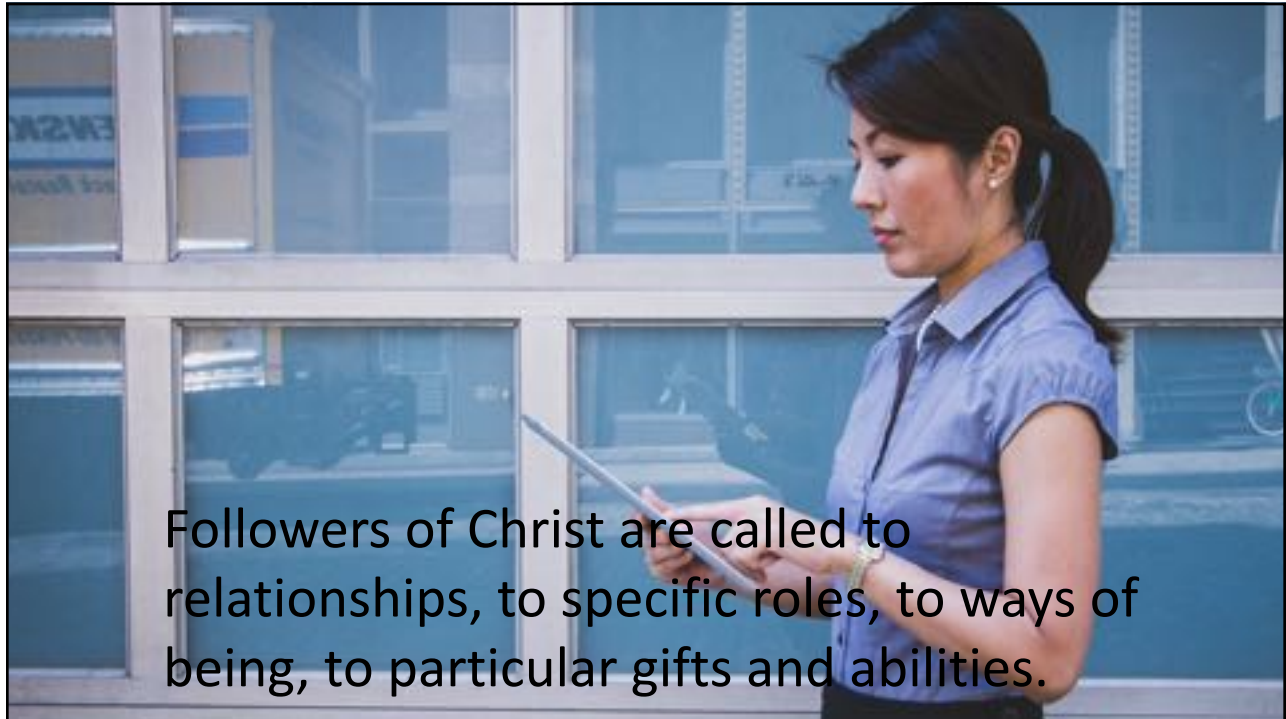
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I am called.... to follow.

Followers of Christ
are stewards, and
caregivers, and
prophets, and
neighbors, and
witnesses.

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Followers of Christ are called to relationships, to specific roles, to ways of being, to particular gifts and abilities.

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I am called....as I am.

God calls you in the particularities of YOUR life:

I can only become the person I am called to become in the context of my own life.

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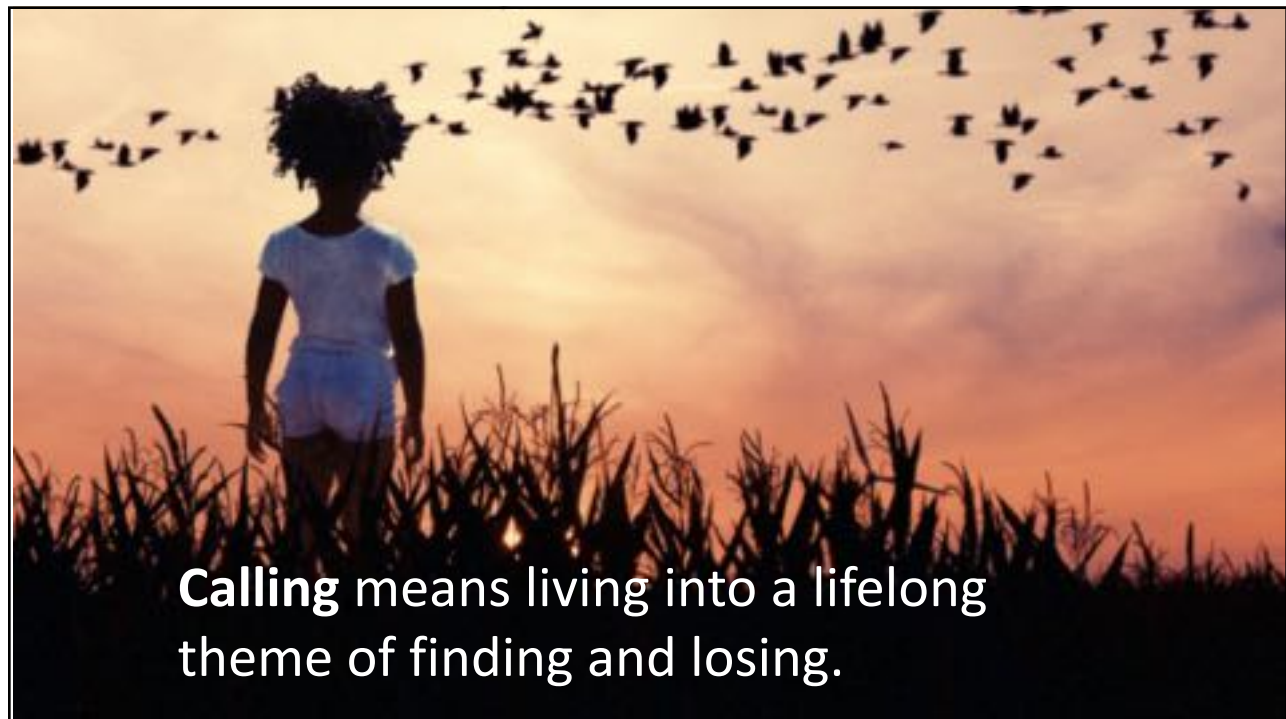
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“God is continually calling us to new life, *from* our old ways, *from* our losses, *from* what has ended, into new ways, relationships, and beginnings”

I am called....
from grief.



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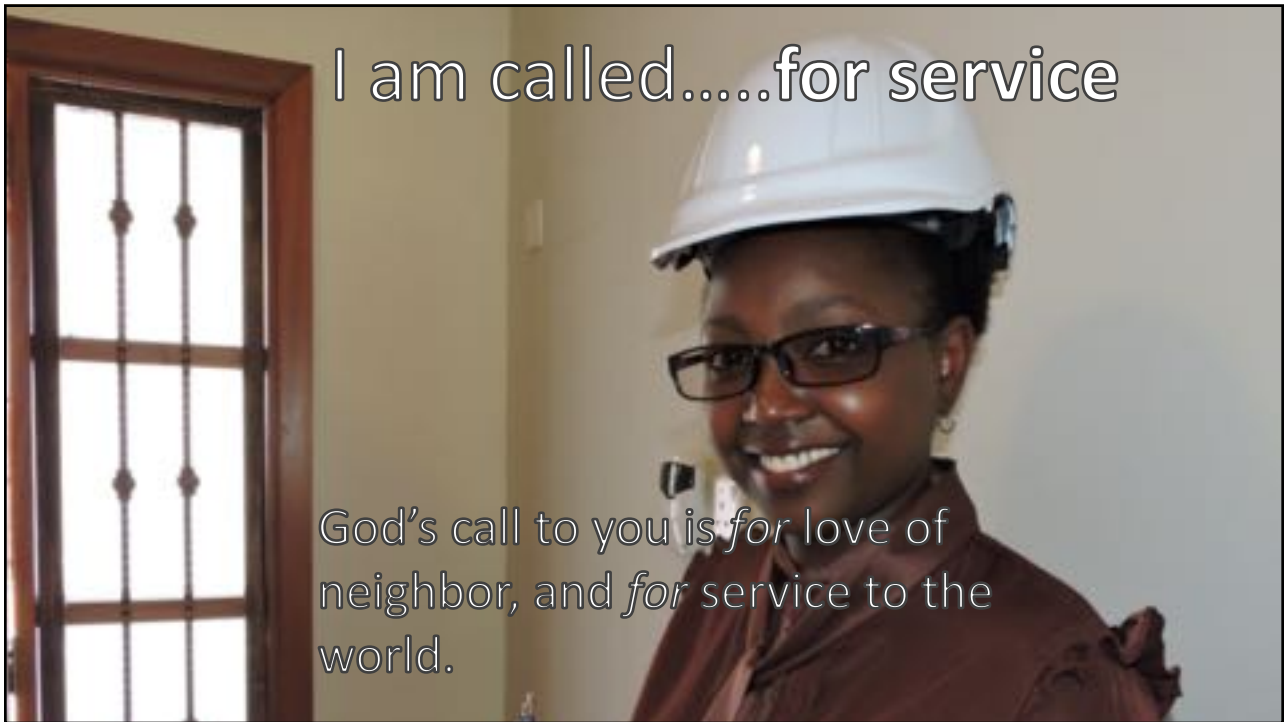
Calling means living into a lifelong theme of finding and losing.

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*Wherever
you go, I will
go. Your
people will
my people
and your
God my God.
-Ruth 1:16*

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I am called....for service

God's call to you is *for* love of
neighbor, and *for* service to the
world.

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The process of calling involves God, the person who is called, and the neighbor whom God loves.

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Callings are guided by love—loving God with all our mind, heart, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves.

You have a purpose!

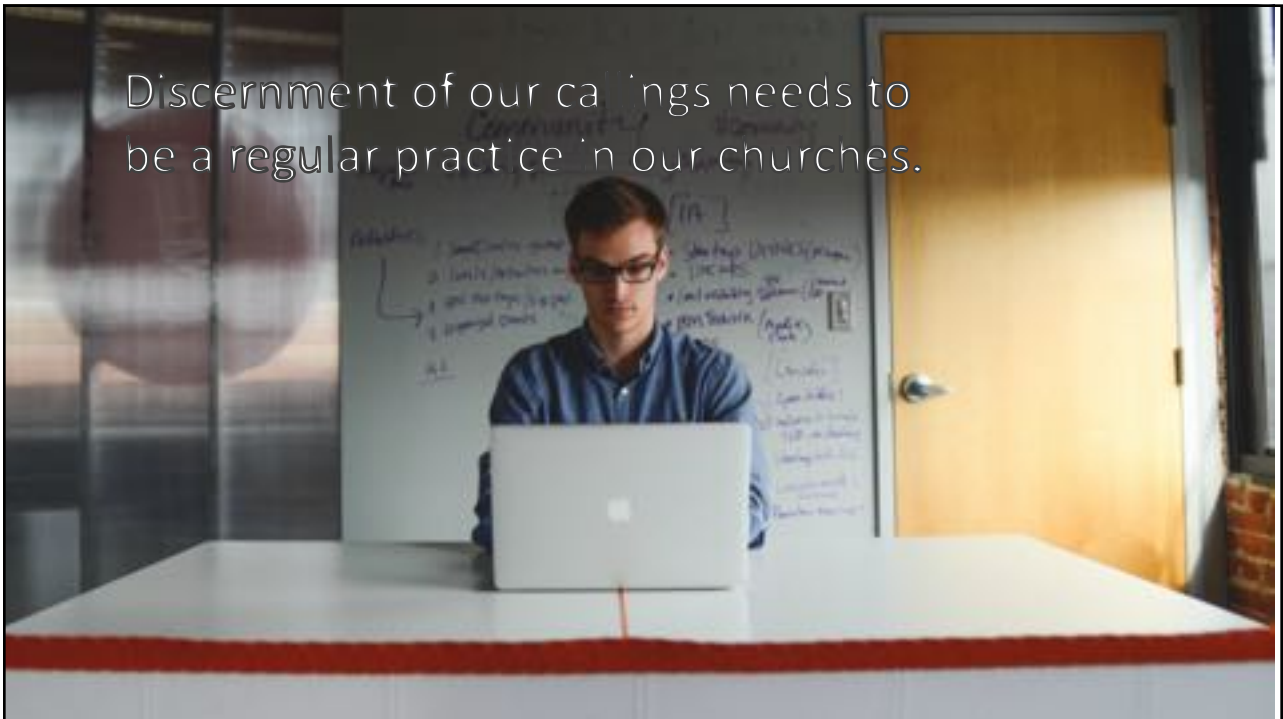
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I am called....through others

callings are discerned through relationships—
God calls us through each other
and our calling is for each other.

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Discernment of our callings needs to be a regular practice in our churches.

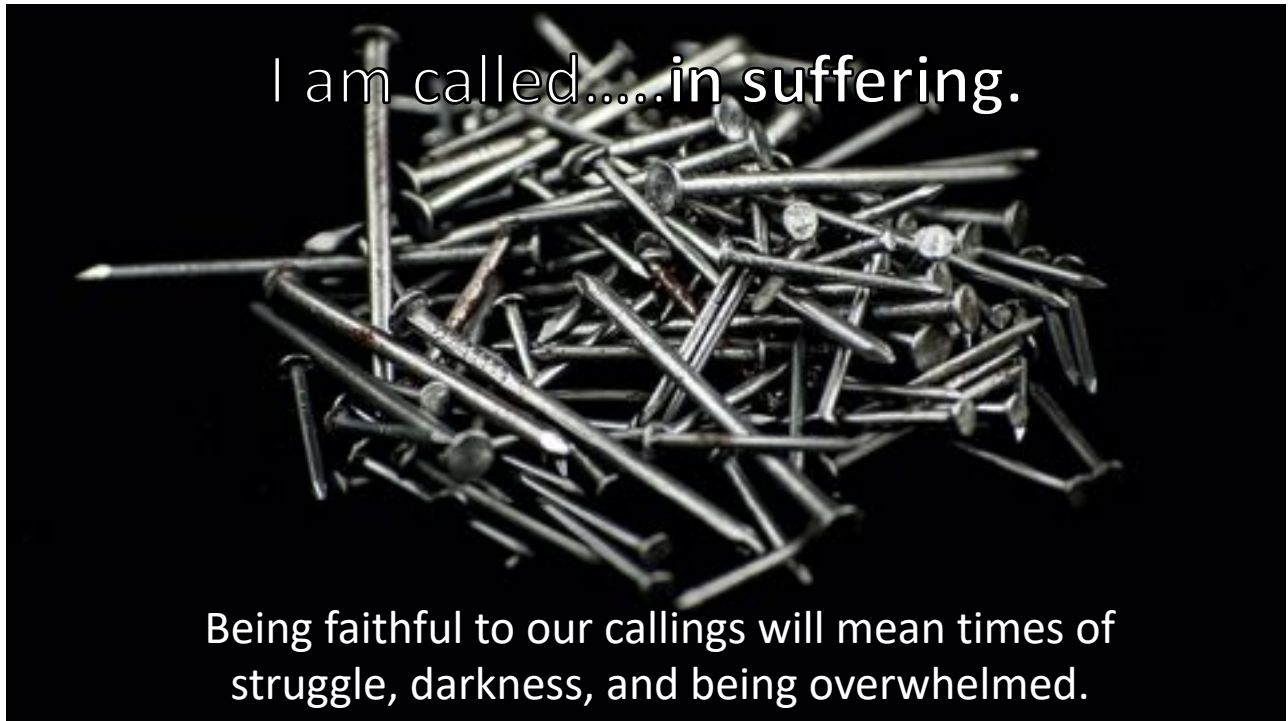
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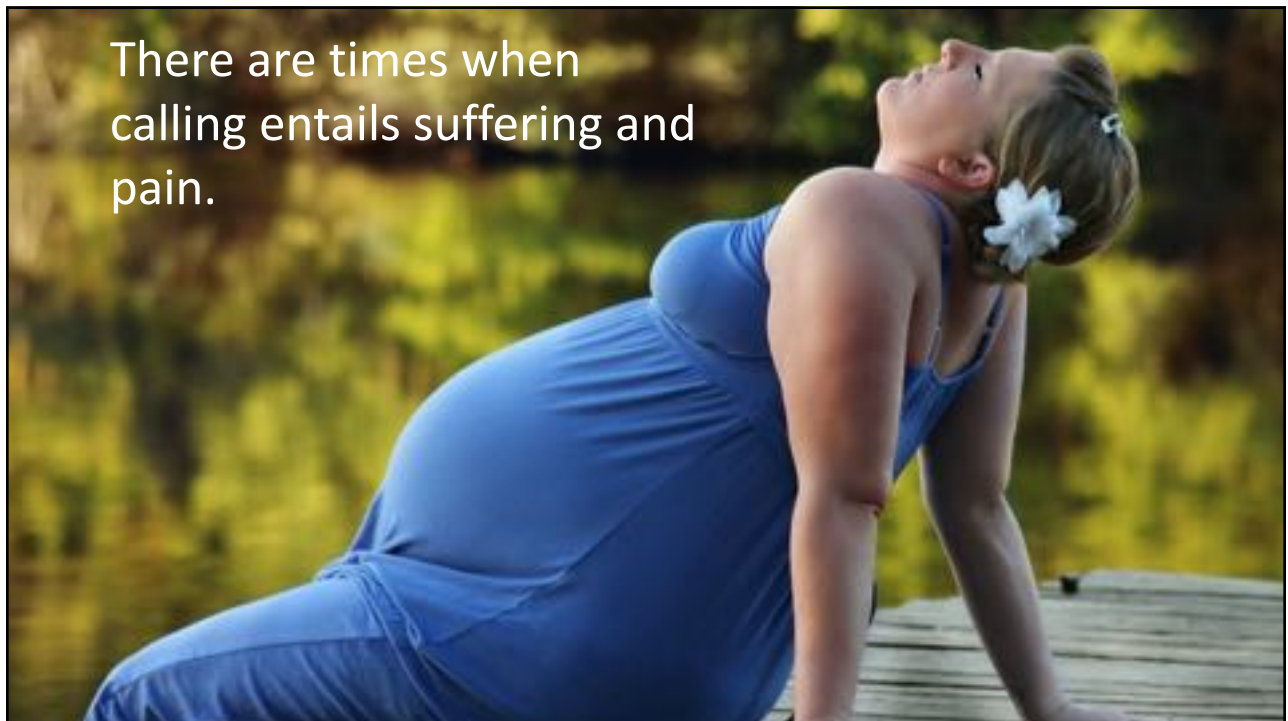
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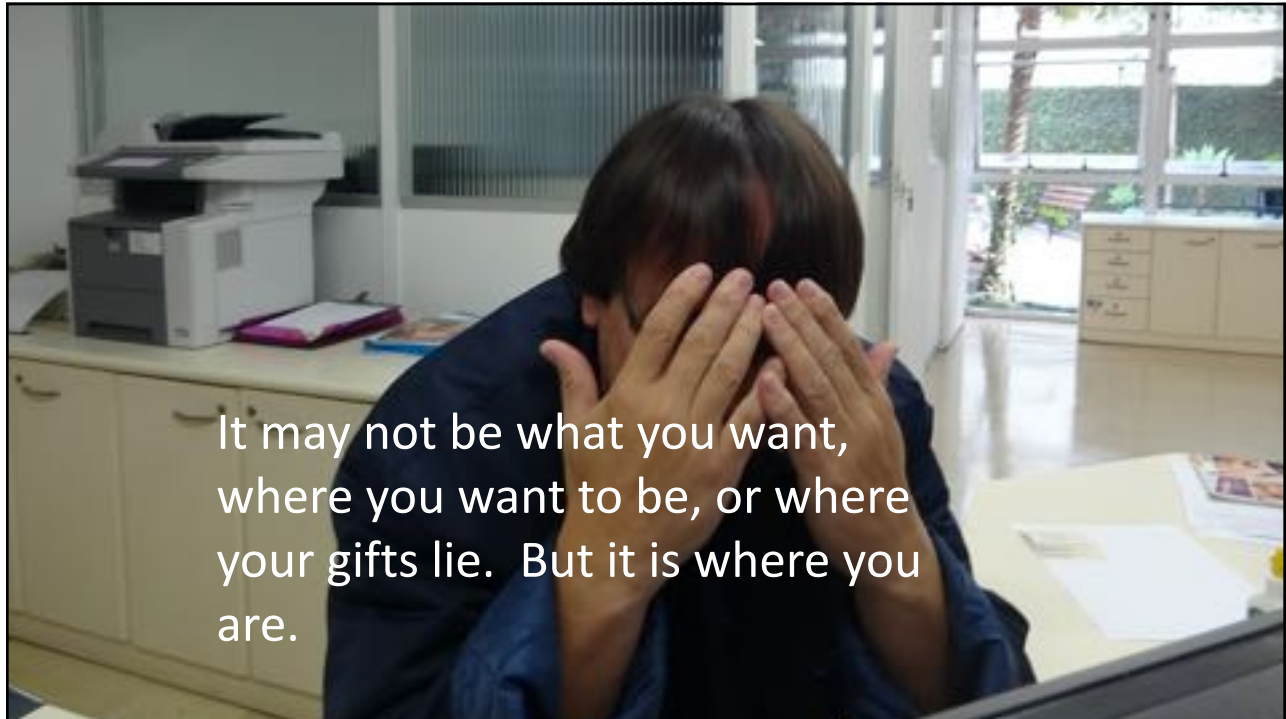
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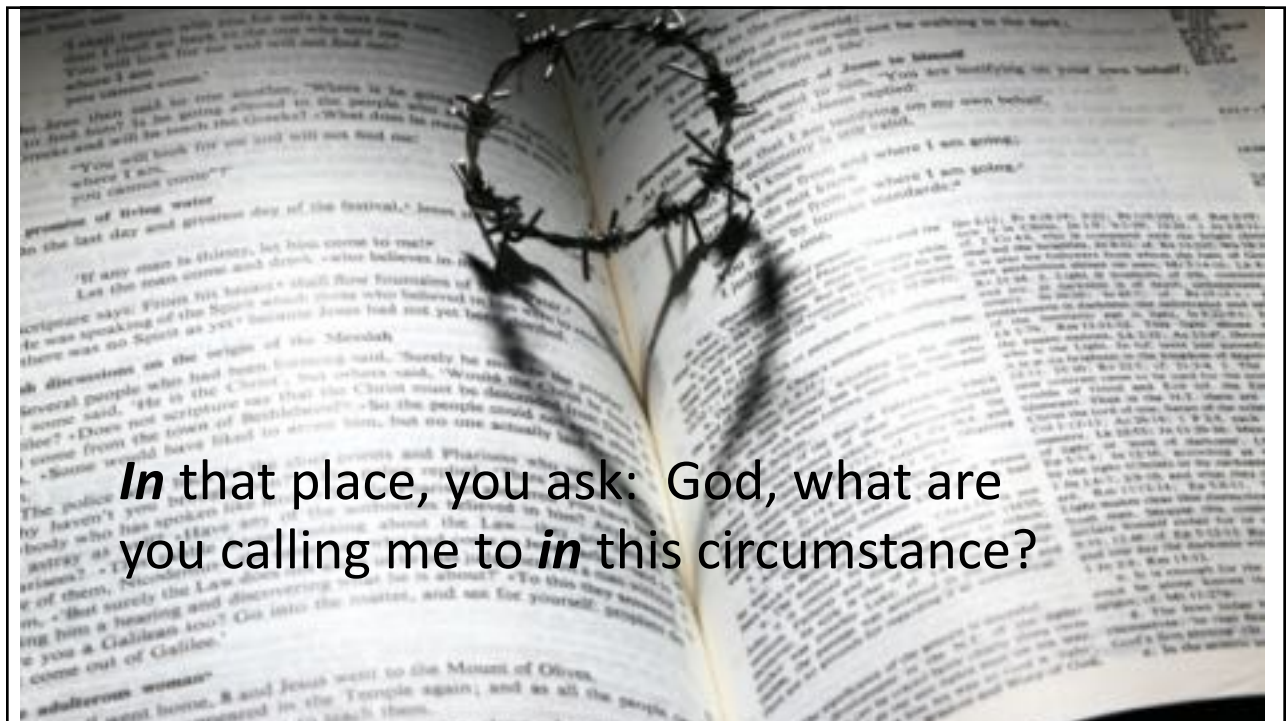


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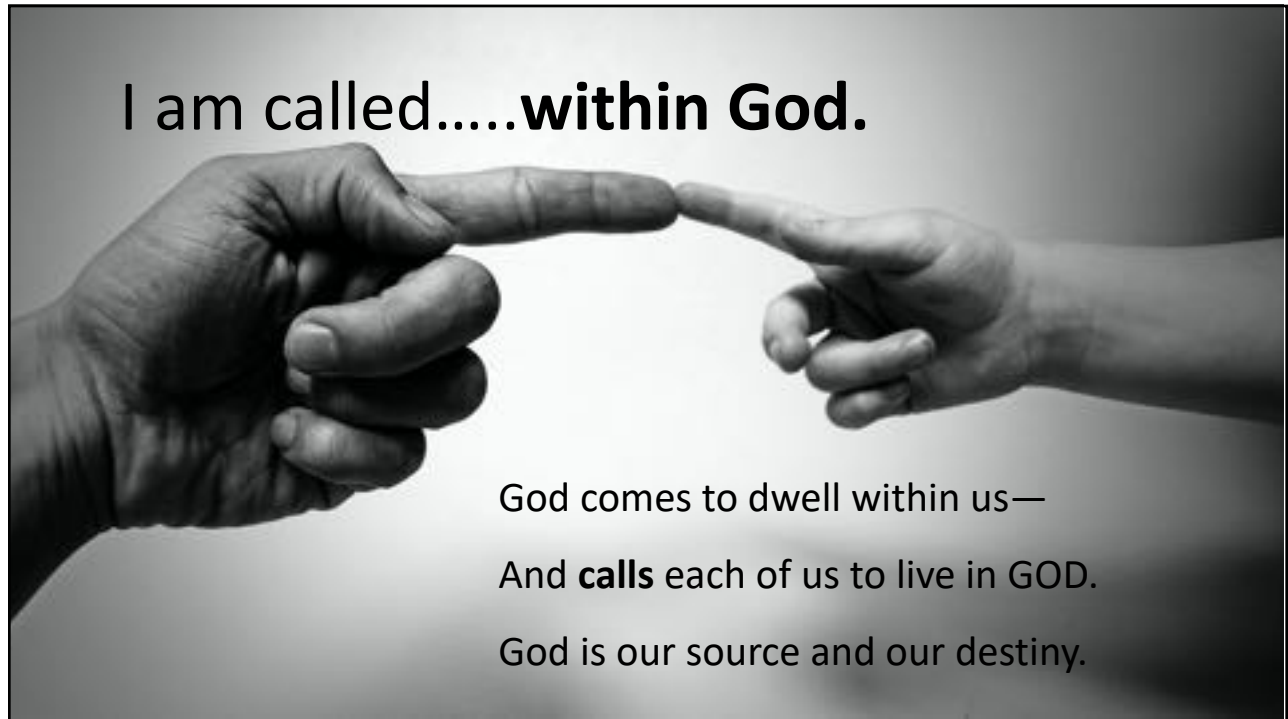
It may not be what you want,
where you want to be, or where
your gifts lie. But it is where you
are.

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In that place, you ask: God, what are
you calling me to ***in*** this circumstance?

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Callings
are all
around
us...



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*Presentation based off of the text from Kathleen Cahalan's book, *The Stories we Live*