**FAITH 365 WEEK THREE 2019**

**HEARING THE CALL WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT**

**Preparation**

* **Have handouts ready for each participant**
* **Make sure CDs for music and video are ready**
* **Take time to make sure that all AV equipment is working before people arrive**
* **Place a candle in the center of the room/table**

**Welcome**

* **Invite people to be in the moment, put aside the cares of the day, and turn off cell phone**

**Focus**

* **This Lent all our sessions will focus on the idea of being called.**
* **At the beginning of sessions, ask if anything for last week’s gathering stayed with them through the week. Was anyone conscious during the week of the words from the video, “sometimes things are best said with no words.”**

**Session Three Overview**

* **Today our theme is hearing the call when you least expect it.**
* **Often, we think about calls that come to us at significant moments and in specific places in our life. But discipleship also requires openness. God can call us through people and moments we least expect. People or moments we think are unimportant can become significant in our lives of faith.**
* **The disciples were called in the places where they worked, the ordinary moments of routine: catching fish and mending nets. In another moment, Jesus surprisingly places a child in their midst –an insignificant person—to teach one of the most important lessons about living the call each day.**
* **This week, we listen to a song is called Fall On Me. It is sung by Andrea Bocelli and his son Matteo Bocelli. It is poignant because it is sung by a father and son; and it is a reminder of helping each other answer the call.**

I thought sooner or later  
The lights up above  
Will come down in circles and guide me to love  
But I don’t know what’s right for me  
I cannot see straight  
I’ve been here too long and I don’t want to wait for it  
  
Fly like a cannonball  
Straight to my soul  
Tear me to pieces and make me feel whole  
I’m willing to fight for it and carry this weight  
But with every step  
I keep questioning what is true  
  
Fall on me  
With open arms

Fall on me  
From where you are  
Fall on me  
With all your light  
With all your light  
With all your light  
  
Soon you will find what your heart wants to know  
Don’t give up hope for I know you are close  
And all you have ever dreamed, wished you could ever be  
Is waiting to find you wherever you go  
Believe in yourself, ever step that you take  
Know I am smiling with pride everyday  
My love will forever be, stronger than stone  
Don’t be afraid you are never alone

**Week 3:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYqjcIgU-wM>

**Faith Sharing**

* **We will now listen to a passage from the prophet Isaiah.**
* **Give out the sheet with the passage. Ask the members not to read along, but listen to the words and feel what is happening, or pay attention to the message it conveys.**
* **After the passage is read, we can be quiet for a minute or two so that all can look at the passage.**
* **Read the passage; quiet, and then begin a conversation with these three questions:**
* **WHAT DID I HEAR?**
* **WHAT DO I THINK IT MEANS FOR US?**
* **WHAT CHALLENGE DID IT OFFER?**

**Film**

**The video we are about to see was a story on the CBS Evening News three years ago. When 82 year old Dan Peterson’s wife died, he fell into a deep depression. He was ready to give up on life until a 4 year old stranger turned everything around. (YouTube: Little Girl Gives 82 Year Old Widower New Lease on Life.)**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWhBYfl67H4>

* **Show video**

**Start with the question, What image or phrase stood out for you in the video?**

**Questions for Discussion**

1. Dan believed that he was “buried” after the death of his wife. How do people get “buried” in daily life? Have you had that experience?
2. Dan didn’t know what he was living for; and was trying to figure it out. At various points in your life, how have you figured out what you were living for?
3. Have you experienced God’s call in a place you would never have imagined?
4. Dan said he hated grocery shopping, yet that is where things changed for him. Have you ever considered that the things you hate doing could become a moment of calling? What would have to happen for you to see those moments as opportunities?
5. Our call is to serve others. Have you ever had an experience in which someone’s call was to serve you? Is it hard to be on the receiving end of service, to be an answer to someone else’s call? Many people view needing to be helped as a sign of weakness. It may cause embarrassment or humiliation. As followers of Christ, what are ways we can change that, beginning with ourselves.
6. In the video we hear about not expecting anything from anyone. Have you ever had an experience when you weren’t expecting anything, yet received?
7. Do you know any children with definite, unexpected calls?
8. Do you think you had a call as a child? Was that call nurtured and appreciated; what was that experience like?
9. Has your life been touched by a child? Have you received a calling from a child in your life?
10. How do adults nurture the calls of children? How do they hinder them?
11. Dan at one point says, *I know I have room in my heart for more.* How can we as disciples have that same heart?

**CONCLUSION: Before praying the Lord’s Prayer, invite the group to silently or aloud, include an intention they have for the week. For the coming week: as the group to be aware if they hear any conversations that are about “calling.”**

**FALL ON ME**

*written by Chad Vaccarino, Ian Axel, Fortunato Zampaglione and Matteo Bocelli*

*sung by Andrea Bocelli and Matteo Bocelli*

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**ISAIAH 11:2-6**

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide,

But he shall judge the poor with justice,

and decide fairly for the land’s afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,

and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat;

The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.

**WHAT DID I HEAR? WHAT DO I THINK IT MEANS? WHAT CHALLENGE DID IT OFFER?**