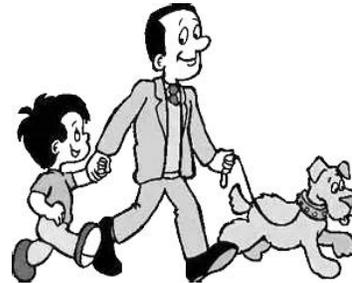


## "Here am I, Send Me!"

### I. THREE MEN CALLED BY GOD.

- A. Jonah: *"Here am I, I'm not going"* – **Jonah 1:1-3**.
- God called him to a work - Preach against Nineveh.
  - His reaction showed \_\_\_\_\_ of faith (in God) & love (for souls), cf. **Jonah 4:1-5**.
  - Today: Fear we are often like Jonah - Running from spiritual obligations, believing we have good reasons which clear us from responsibility.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_: *"Here am I, send Aaron"* – **Exo. 3:10**.
- Moses knew the need which existed, he just couldn't see himself being used by God to meet the need.
  - He offered multiple excuses aimed at removing himself from God's consideration as deliverer of Israel (**3:11-4:17**).
  - Today: Do we not often \_\_\_\_\_ why we are not best suited for some spiritual work - That surely God could find someone other than me to do what needs to be done?
- C. Isaiah: *"Here am I, send me"* – **Isa. 6:8**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ which prompted Isaiah's response:
    - Majesty / glory of God, **6:1-4**.
    - Sinfulness of man, **6:5**.
    - Forgiveness from God, **6:6-7**.
  - Ready \_\_\_\_\_, cf. **2 Cor. 8:3-5, 11-12**.
  - When was the last time you remember having & acting with such readiness/eagerness in serving the Lord?



### MY NOTES

### II. GOD CALLING YET...SHALL I NOT HEAR?

- A. The Call to be **Saints**-, **1 Cor. 1:2 (9)**.
- God calls us with a holy \_\_\_\_\_ (gospel), **2 Tim. 1:9**.
  - God called us in sanctification, **1 Ths. 4:7 (Jno. 17:17)**.
  - Be holy because God is holy, **1 Pet. 1:15-16**.
  - Some Christians \_\_\_\_\_ to be sent as saints into the world of sin – Compromise with, participate in, blend in with (**1 Jno. 2:15**)
  - "Hear am I, send me..."**
    - To be the salt of the earth, **Matt. 5:13-15**.
    - To be a \_\_\_\_\_ in the world, **Matt. 5:14-16; Phil. 2:14-15**.
    - To be a sojourner, **1 Pet. 2:11-12**.
  - Or will we say: *"I'm not going...send someone else."*
- B. The Call to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Church, **Rom. 12:3-8**.
- Some still view themselves as spectators rather than participants in the work of the church.
    - Spectators**: Speculate, criticize & seek personal pleasure.
    - Participant**: Working, improving, growing.
  - "Here am I, send me..."**
    - To teach classes, worship services; bldg. Upkeep...
    - To visit & help those in need; to edify, to restore...
    - Use your gifts to \_\_\_\_\_ the church, **1 Pet. 4:7-11**.
  - Or will we say: *"I'm not going...send someone else."*
- C. The Call of \_\_\_\_\_, **Mk. 16:15; Acts 16:9-10**.
- People will not be saved unless we go and preach the gospel to them, **Rom. 10:12-15**.
  - Ability + Opportunity = **Responsibility**: **Matt. 25:15, 19**.  
-True of the individual & true of the church.
  - Evangelism goes beyond the "preacher" & " \_\_\_\_\_ " preaching, **Acts 8:4**.
  - "Here am I, send me..."**
    - To teach my family, friends & neighbors, **Jno. 1:40-42**.
    - To teach our \_\_\_\_\_, **Acts 5:28**.
    - To teach the world, **Acts 17:6**; cf. **Rom. 1:15**.
  - Or will we say: *I'm not going...send someone else."*

### CONCLUSION:

- How do we react knowing that God has called us to \_\_\_\_\_?
- Eph. 4:1**: Worthily, or do we disappoint our God?