

“I Am Made All Things to All Men”

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-22

Do you ever wonder how God tells people what their calling is? He does it in a very simple way. He puts something in your heart for you to do, but then whether you do it or do it not, you are responsible for it.

You may say, "I don't know my calling. I don't know what God has called me for?" Do you think God is going to come and tell you, "Oh boy, you are the king around here? You are so and so. You are a teacher. You are this."

NO, SIR! What God is doing is that He is putting teaching into your heart. He is putting the desire to weep over the flock into your heart. When you are distressed at what is going on in the church, it is God that put it into your heart. If you go to God with your distress, God will use you to help the situation. When you start obeying God and helping the situation, then you know for sure that God is establishing you in that ministry of helping the situation, until one day you find out who you are. God isn't going to tell you unless you have already discovered who you are.

With some people it works a little bit different though. God tells some people about their calling and I don't know why. When God told me, I didn't believe it. I just couldn't believe it. I was so wretched, I just couldn't believe it. I felt like God was just trying to butter me up to get me going. I said, "All right, God, I'll move; I'll do what You want me to do." But I wouldn't believe it. In other words, it wasn't going to puff me up, for I didn't think much of me and I can tell you that point blank. I just don't think much of me. I could never believe that I am special like that, because I know me. I know that it is just the mercy of God why I survive, because of the situation of my own humanness. I hate being human. Do you know that? Have you ever hated being human? I mean you are human and some human thoughts come through you and you are ashamed of them. Oh, you'd better believe it. You are still human.

You want to be like Jesus Christ and you wonder, "Why can't I be like Jesus Christ this evening? Or, even tomorrow morning for sure?" But you know you are still human. So therefore you don't like being human and because you don't like being human you kind of understand other human beings. Oh, yes. Whenever a man comes against you and hits you and hurts you and tries to hurt you more, you need to understand him, that he is only being human and that he is only submitting to the same devil that you could have submitted to had God not had mercy on you. So that if there is a man that is against you, you can understand him. "...*I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some*" (1 Corinthians 9:22b).

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