

MINISTER'S Message


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Responding to the Call ...

Recently I had the opportunity to reflect on the call of Samuel into service for God (1 Samuel 3:1-10). It reminded me of my own call into ministry, as like Samuel, it took God more than once to get my attention! We are also in the time of year when many denominations authorize ministry personnel into new ministries. It is a time of great joy and celebration.

The story of Samuel's call, however, is not just for people in formal ministry settings. It is for each of us. Remember that Samuel was just a boy when he recognized God's call.

That call - to young boys like Samuel, to elders like Eli, to people like me, who enter into ministry - is one way of responding to the God's invitation to serve. However, there are calls from God that invite people to respond in other ways too. Teachers - a calling; nursing, or personal care, medical doctors, mental health practitioners, child care workers, farmers, artists, animal lovers, gardeners, cooks and cleaners, pastoral care visitors, financial advisors and treasurers - the list could go on!



Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God

When you do what you do, for the glory of God and the good of all of God's creation, you are responding to the call.

Sometimes there can be steps along the journey that are harder to climb than others. Yet, even in those times, the Spirit is with us, encouraging, guiding, and inspiring our service.

So, as you go about your day to day work and play, may you hold on to the truth that whatever you do in service for God is gift and blessing, to God and to the world. Thanks be.

Blessings and Peace,

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