

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

God Is Calling

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1. God is call - ing, al - ways call - ing Thro' all time and ev - 'ry - where, Call - ing
2. What a love, so un - dis - cour - aged, Ten - der still, tho' hearts are hard. Hear His
3. Sin and death rise all a - round us, But look up! Don't be a - fraid! Christ has
4. Fa - ther God, as thro' the a - ges, You are call - ing out to - day, Call - ing

F E_E Dm⁷ E_C B♭M⁹ B♭ Gm⁷ E_C B♭_C F

all to come and know Him, Call - ing souls now un - a - ware.
voice thro' all the a - ges. Hear Him whis - per in Your heart.
died, and Christ has ris - en! Hear Him call, "The price is paid!"
us to join Your pur - pose. Lord, we hear, and we o - bey.

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LEAD-IN: *The Lord is... patient... not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.* (2 Peter 3:9, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Can God's Existence Be Proven?

Can God's existence be absolutely proven?

Jesus Christ was His full and final revelation of Himself, the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15) and the exact representation of His very being (Hebrews 1:3). He was the Transcendent One made seeable and touchable (1 John 1:1-3).

But most who saw and heard Him rejected Him. Thus I can't imagine any other "proof" satisfying those who choose not to believe. Salvation is by faith. That is God's own plan.

In the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."
(Romans 1:17, NIV)

We live by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7, NIV)

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
(Hebrews 11:1, NIV)

Faith is a living trust that God is Who He says He is and will do all He says He will do. This faith never becomes unnecessary. God always leaves us a choice, for He wants us to freely choose Him.

Realize that unbelief is a decision of the heart, not the head. Jesus said:

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." (John 3:19-21, NIV)

Unbelief is not based on a lack of information. We can't blame God for our unbelief, claiming that He did a poor job revealing and proving Himself to us. Every human being born into this world is given enough information to believe in God.

Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened...They exchanged the truth of God for a lie.
(Romans 1:20-21, 25, NIV)

God clearly shows people the truth, but they *suppress the truth in unrighteousness* (Romans 1:18, NIV). Reason becomes the slave of desire. The mind bends to the pull of the heart—a heart that is running from the claims of God.

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5, NIV). He clearly, continually, and lavishly reveals Himself

through His creation,
through His written Word,
through Jesus Christ,
through His children—His witnesses—and
through His faithful Spirit working within.

As C.S. Lewis said, Almighty God never overwhelms us. He woos us, calls us, and invites us to come to the Light and freely choose Him.

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