

## AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP

### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

**TOPIC:** The Call of GOD: Aligning with His Purpose.      Wednesday, February 17, 2021

**Main Text:** Romans 8:31-39; 12:1-6.      **Facilitator:** Deacon Tunde Odeyemi

The call of God who is sovereign- does what He wants, when He wants, the way He wants, and He asks no one's permission- is His invitation/summons to us to partner with Him and participate in His grand, eternal scheme which He put in place before time began.

In Romans 8:28-30, the Holy Spirit through Paul began to show us all the wonderful things God has done for us leading up to and following His call upon our lives. We covered most of this last Sunday.

**Question 1.** What is your destiny as a child of God?

Today's study will focus on our response to what God has done and is doing. What is God asking of you in return for all He has freely done for you and given to you? We are about to find out that it is in responding appropriately to what God has done that we find our individual call from God, our place in His grand scheme, His purpose for our lives and align with it.

**Our Confession.** Romans 8:31-39. Questions to ask

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Won't God also give us everything else since He gave us His Son?

Who dares accuse us or bring any charges against us?

Who will or can condemn us?

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?

Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity?

#### **Finding Your Place**

One aspect of coming to know God's call on each of our lives. Until you have found your place, you will never be a totally fulfilled Christian. Proverbs 27:8(NKJV). God has a right geographical place for you. He has a place of employment/service for you. He has a specific place for you in the Body of Christ. Acts 17:26-28.

**Steps to Finding Your Place:** Romans 12:1-6

**Present Your Body.** Romans 12:1

The first step in finding our place is to present our bodies to Him, put them on the altar of service and say, "Lord, my body belongs to You." Once you have placed your body on God's altar in total surrender, your body no longer belongs to you. It belongs to God. You no longer decide what happens to your body. God does. You do not determine what kind of job you are going to do with your body. God does. You do not choose where you are going to live. God does. But it is wonderful when He takes responsibility. Hebrews 10:5-8.

## **Be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind.** Romans 12:2

Stop conforming to the world's way. Change the way you think. Read Scripture to behold the glory of God. Matthew 15:16. Mark 7:18. Isaiah 6:10. 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

### **Discover God's will.**

You cannot discover God's will in its totality and its perfection until you have presented your body and let God transform you by renewing your mind. Romans 8:5-7. God's will for you is good, pleasing and perfect! God never wills anything bad for His children. The final revelation of His will includes every area of your life- every detail, every situation.

### **Be Humble.**

Romans 12:3. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

### **Recognize Your Measure of Faith.**

God has given you a specific measure of faith. There are a few things more embarrassing than people who claim to have a lot more faith than they have.

### **Understand That Your Faith Fits Your Place.**

Why does God give you a specific measure of faith? He has a specific place for you in the Body of Christ. The faith He has given you is designed for your particular position. If God wants you to be a hand, He will give you hand faith. If He wants you to be an ear, He will give you ear faith.

One can almost conclude that if people are continually struggling for faith, they are trying to do the wrong job. They are a hand trying to be a foot, or a foot trying to be hand. This is God's way of guiding you into your place. When your faith fits the place God has for you, then you are not always struggling.

Also, none of us is sufficient on our own. Every one of us is a member of the Body and we are members of one another. If you are a finger, you must find the hand you should be attached to. If you are a hand, you must be attached to an arm.

### **Learn How Your Place Determines Your Gifts.**

Romans 12:4-6. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. <sup>6</sup> Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith;

### **Exercising Your Gifts.**

So far we have learned that God has a place for you, and on your way to that place, He has been equipping you to function in it. You might not find your way into the final place immediately. It will probably be progressive. But the further you go, the greater the harmony will be between what you are doing and what you have been called to do.

