

FIRST CALL

THE CALL

LAST CALL

LIVE TO PLEASE #1

*“People may be pure in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their motives.” Proverbs 16:2 NLT*

*“For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.” 1 Thessalonians 2:4 NLT*

GOD IS CONCERNED WITH YOUR...

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ” BEFORE YOUR “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

*“You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins.”*

*“Who are you?” they asked. “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning,” Jesus replied. “I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.” They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” John 8:23-29 NLT*

**JESUS** \_\_\_\_\_ .

*“You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.” (23)*

*“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,” Ephesians 2:6 NIV*

*“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:1-3 NIV*

**JESUS** \_\_\_\_\_ .

*“But he who sent me is trustworthy,” (26)*

*“And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.” 2 Timothy 1:11-12 NIV*

**JESUS** \_\_\_\_\_ .

*“I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.” (28)*

*After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: “I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.” Acts 13:22 NIV*

**JESUS** \_\_\_\_\_ .

*“The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” (29)*

*“Finally, dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more.” 1 Thessalonians 4:1 NLT*

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR GOD'S MAN?

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR MY LIFE.

*“And we know that God causes everything to work together<sup>[a]</sup> for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. <sup>29</sup> For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn<sup>[b]</sup> among many brothers and sisters.” Romans 8:28-29 NLT*

*“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.”*

*2 Cor. 3:17-18 NLT*

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MY LIFE.

*“Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him. For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.” 2 Cor. 5:8-10 NLT*

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MY COMMITMENT.

*“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,” Colossians 1:9-11 NIV*

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO MY SPIRITUAL SUCCESS.

*“He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” 2 Peter 1:17 NIV*

*“Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.” 1 John 3:21-22 NIV*

For Discussion:

HOW DO WE MAKE KNOWING AND FOLLOWING JESUS COMPLICATED VERSUS SIMPLE?

HOW IS KNOWING YOUR “WHY” BEHIND YOUR SPIRITUAL ACTIONS SO IMPORTANT?

HOW IS GOD FORMING JESUS IN YOU WHEN IT COMES TO THE WAY HE THINKS, TRUSTS, ACTS, AND SPEAKS?

WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU NEED TO APPLY PLEASING GOD TO TODAY?