

EXODUS 31 // CALLING

Sermon Outline Handout

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I. From Vision to Calling

Proverbs 29:18 — “Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

“Vision” (hazon) originally meant a prophetic word from God, not a self-made dream.

Today, “vision” often centers on human ambition and strategic planning—“What is your vision for life?”

Shift the focus: From vision to calling.

Vision asks: “What is MY vision of the future?”

Calling asks: “What is God’s assignment for me today?”

II. The Call of Bezalel — Ordinary but Anointed

Exodus 31:2–5 — God calls Bezalel “by name” and fills him with the Spirit.

God calls ordinary people—not the elite or famous.

1 Corinthians 1:26–29 — God chooses the weak to shame the strong.

The Spirit doesn’t seek the gifted; the Spirit gives the gift.

Tim Keller: “Christians shouldn’t look at historical figures as great heroes that have vanished, never to be seen again. They weren’t capable of it the first time. It was God. And He is still here.”

III. Your Calling Is Comprehensive

The Spirit anoints work, art, intelligence, creativity—every aspect of life.

Colossians 3:17 — “Whatever you do...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Your skills, passions, and quirks are not random—they are designed by God.

Calling is discovered through:

1. Lifelong experience
2. Three signals — What comes naturally, blesses others, and costs you something
3. A discipler — Someone who helps you discern

IV. Calling and Rest

Exodus 31:12–13 — God pairs calling with Sabbath.

After giving instructions, God commands rest to guard against pride and burnout.

2 Chronicles 26 — Uzziah began faithfully but ultimately fell into pride.

Faithfulness is not just starting well—it’s finishing in dependence.