

“Send Me”

Three responses to when God calls:

Jonah: Here I am. I’m not going.

The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: “Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.”

But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish.

Jonah 1:1-3 (NLT)

Moses: Here I am. Send someone else.

Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.”

But Moses protested to God, “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?”

Exodus 3:9-11 (NLT)

But Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send anyone else.”

Exodus 4:13 (NLT)

Isaiah: Here I am. Send me.

Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?”

I said, “Here I am. Send me.”

Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)

What do you need to fully surrender to God:

An experience with the presence of God.

It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. ²Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³They were calling out to each other,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven’s Armies!

The whole earth is filled with his glory!”

Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.

Isaiah 6:1-4 (NLT)

An awareness of your sinfulness.

Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.”

Isaiah 6:5 (NLT)

An understanding of God’s grace.

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips with it and said, “See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.”

Isaiah 6:6-7 (NLT)

So What?

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Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Name a place you would love to be sent to? Why?

Name a place you would never want to be sent to? Why?

2. Tell about the last time you felt compelled to do something outside of your norm or comfort zone?

How did you respond? Could it have been God sending you?

3. What are some examples of excuses people give for not going to the places or doing the things God calls them to?

4. Re-read Isaiah 1:1-4. Tell of time you had a genuine experience in Gods presence?

If you never have, what do you think that would be like?

5. Re-read Isaiah 1:5-7. What do you most lack? Genuine experiences with God, awareness of your sinfulness, or understanding Gods grace?

6. Who do you most identify with? Jonah, Moses, or Isaiah?

What might be keeping you from fully surrendering to God and his plans to use you?

7. Being sent is not a one-time experience. To what, or where are you being sent right now?