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Who You Gonna Call?

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Series: Following Jesus in the Real World

Central Passage

1 Corinthians 1:1–9 (ESV)— *1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Central Thought: The essence of the Christian faith is that of a people who in our fear, frailty and sin specifically and consistently call upon Jesus, in hope, for help, healing and salvation.

Calling Upon Jesus...

- ❖ Is in response to God's call to us. (1 Cor. 1:1 & 4)

Romans 5:8 (ESV) — *8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (See also John 15:15)*

- ❖ Is a call to be holy (sanctified) – set apart for God's purposes. (1 Cor. 1:2)

1 Peter 1:15–16 (ESV) — *15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*

Romans 6:19 (ESV) — *19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.*

- ❖ Is the basis of our unity. (1 Cor. 1:2)

Psalms 50:14–15 (ESV) — *14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, 15 and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."*

- ❖ Will see us through this life and the life to come! (1 Cor. 1:7-9)

Romans 10:11–13 (ESV) — *11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Personal Application

- ❖ Have you responded to God's call to you by opening your life to his salvation through the saving work of Jesus?
- ❖ Have you offered yourself back to God in a life of holiness for the glory of God and the good of your neighbors?