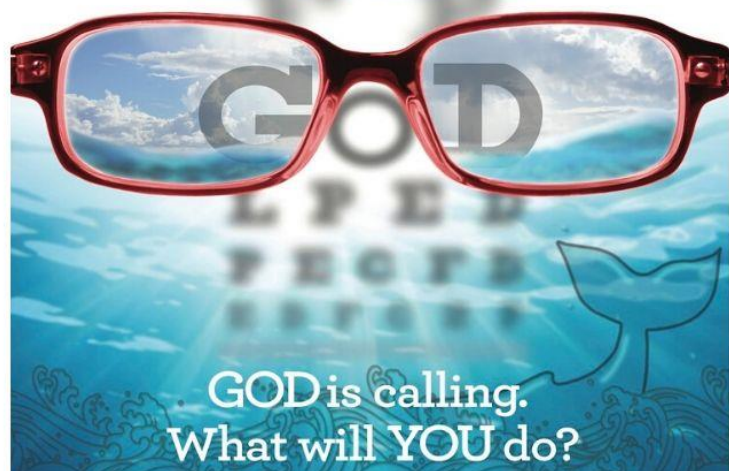


SERMON SERIES

SEEING 2020



Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do *your* work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us.

Colossians 1:9-12

"We Are Called"

January 3, 2020

God is calling _____.

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Problem #1: We often don't know how to discern God's voice.

The solution: Train ourselves in _____.

*"Discernment is a spiritual understanding and an experiential knowledge of how God is **active** in daily life that is acquired through spiritual practice."* – Henri Nouwen

We become more discerning through finding sacred _____.

We become more discerning through _____.

We become more discerning in _____.

Problem #2: We sometimes choose to not say "yes" to God's call.

Example: The story of _____

It's much harder to hear the voice of God – who is Love – when we are not actively _____ those we are called to.

God knew Jonah would _____ His calling... but God still called him.

No mistake we could ever make would stop God from calling out to us, His beloved children. #1Cfridays

We are each faced with a choice: God is _____. What am I going to do?

Action Steps:

- 1) Ask God, "What are you calling me to do?"
- 2) Find your sacred _____.
- 3) Write a personal _____ to God expressing your feelings/thoughts about God speaking to you.
- 4) Define your spiritual _____.