



# CALLING

GOD CALLS, GOD PROVIDES, GOD FULFILLS

## **The Battle Over Your Calling**

**“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky place, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”  
(Matt. 13:3-9)**

**“When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.” (Matt. 13:19-22)**

**“But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. (Luke 8:15)**

- **Truth – Scripture**
- **The Heart – The soil**
- **Assault – The Enemy**

**The battle for life –**

**“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.” (2 Cor. 4:4)**

1. Distance: To Keep you distanced from God

1. Wounds

2. Agreements

3. Systems

**“It is God who is producing in you both the desire and the ability to do what pleases him” (Phil. 2:13).**



**Jesus said that Satan “was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him, When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44).**

**“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.” (Prov. 4:23)**

## 2. Diminishment: Self-diminishment

**Do not believe everything  
you think!**

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- **Accusations – Judgments or verdicts on ourselves**
  - **Comparison – to someone else’s glory**
  - **Relative Value – paid to do it “full-time”**

### 3. Disdain: Disliking or disowning our splendor

**“Do not despise the small beginnings. For the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.” (Zech. 4:10)**

#### 4. Disqualification: “I know what you did”

**“Sin will take you further than you want to go, it will keep you longer than you want to stay, and it will cost you more than you want to pay”. (Author Unknown)**

**The Truths are in Scripture;**

**If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)**

**The Truths are in Scripture;**

**There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set me free from the law of sin and death. (Rom. 8:1-2)**

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**God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. (Rom. 11:29)**

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**The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Cor. 10:4-5)**

## Time with God:

- **Lord, reveal the assaults that have been used to distance me from you.**
- **What agreements have I made.**

