

Refrigerator Notes 27 July 2014
"Missed-Called"
Romans 8 26-39

1. The idea that God can call anyone, at any time or in any place as an instrument of His Will
2. Some people will get caught up in their profession or other pursuits in life, as a means of glorifying themselves, and they missed the call to glorify the Lord
3. There are others who believe that their sins are so grievous or intuitively believe that God won't and can't use them because of their present or past status
4. There is a prevalent viewpoint today that claims a person can be a Christian, without being a disciple of Jesus Christ, that one can accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior, without accepting servant hood or they can just be believers in Christ and be saved
5. To be a Christian does not make one special nor does one receive special treatment or should expect special treatment
6. The only thing that exceeds being special and doing right is a right-being!
7. Our journey with the Lord does not start until we become submissive and obedient to the Lord
8. Here lies the problem, because God's call does not appear to look, feel or promise as the world leads us to believe
9. One's journey to knowing the Lord is known as an "arc", which describes how ones character changes as they journey through their story
10. Our story does not truly start until we release the skeletons in our closets and truly seek forgiveness for the things that we have done against man and God
11. When we follow God, we enter into a reverse economy of sorts – things that would bring us the praise of men won't bring us God's favor
12. Often times our radical misunderstanding of how God works is seen in our literal interpretation of who God is
13. But I came Sunday morning to celebrate eight reasons that believers should not pass on God's calling – for starters I invite you to read verses 28-37 of the morning scripture
14. But for those who are not sure or don't want to let go of their worldly pleasures, be assured that Christ loved us so much, we should be convinced by Paul's words in verse 38 and 39
15. But we are never ready to accept God's calling until we have the same struggle that Paul had with the good and evil that resides in all of us
16. Don't miss out on hearing God's call because of the many trails, storms, death valley experiences, fires or pain, stain and strains that life has offered
17. Know that when you are in God, your faith will be tested often
18. The real question was – are you willing to suffer for Christ? That is what real Christians are called to do daily