

## Better Call Saul

See Acts: 9:1-19

### On the Road to Damascus

(The voice to Saul) *"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"*

(Saul to the voice) *"Who are you?"*

(The voice to Saul) *"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."*

### Across Town, Jesus Calls Ananias

*"Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come place his hands on him to restore his sight."*

*"Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles..."*

All these stories have a common theme. Jesus came to them.  
They did not go to Jesus and "sign-up."  
If you are a follower of Jesus, it's because Jesus came to you.  
He called you and you followed.

If someone asks you, "Why are you a Christian? Why are you a follower of Jesus?" what would you say?

Because \_\_\_\_\_.

*You did not choose me; I chose you. And I gave you this work: to go and produce fruit...*

John 15:16 (NCV)

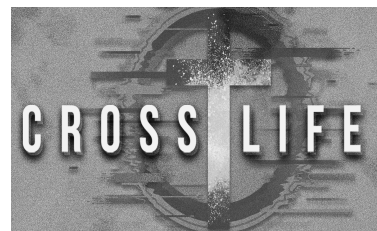
*But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.*

1 Peter 2:9-10 (MSG)

Since Jesus came to you, called you, and you followed, here are some specific ways you can be in ministry during this time of uncertainty.

- \$19 For 19
- Letter to you neighbors
- Engage in small groups online

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We Christians most often think of Jesus as **Savior, Forgiver of our sin, even Healer**. We rarely think of Jesus as "The Great Delegator," yet throughout the Scriptures Jesus is constantly

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average, ordinary people (like you and me) in ministry.

### Jesus Calls His First Disciples

*As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, *"and I will send you out to fish for people."* At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*

Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)

*As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.*

Matthew 9:9 (NIV)

At that point the disciples didn't even have a job description!  
When he finally revealed what their job was, he said:

*"...proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."*

Matthew 10:7-8 (NIV)

*"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves."*

Matthew 10:16a (NIV)

## Answer key

We rarely think of Jesus as “The Great Delegator,” yet throughout the Scriptures Jesus is constantly **EMPLOYING** then **DEPLOYING** average, ordinary people (like you and me) in ministry.

Because **JESUS CALLED ME.**