

## LIVING UNDERAPPRECIATED WITH A CALLING OF GOD ON YOUR LIFE

We are called to be people of God. Our attention should be on our relationship with God and living out our calling, whether appreciated or underappreciated.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ The term “calling” in the New Testament relates to the invitation from God for humanity to accept salvation in His kingdom through Jesus Christ. The invitation is given outwardly by the preaching of the gospel and inwardly by the working of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ We are called to be Christians, the people of God. We are called to be in relationship with God to reflect His love in our lives (1 Corinthians 1:2).
- ❖ The calling of God comes with purpose.
- ❖ In Genesis 37, Joseph received an invitation from God to enter into a relationship of trust, so that God could use him to accomplish His purpose.
- ❖ Joseph’s relationship with his brothers had been impacted by their father Jacob’s favouring of Joseph.
- ❖ Jacob gave Joseph a special gift—a beautiful robe—because Jacob loved him more than his other children, since Joseph was born to him in his old age.
- ❖ But the favour Jacob showed to his son Joseph wasn’t the problem. The problem was that Joseph’s brothers understood Jacob’s favour to mean that he loved Joseph more than them.
- ❖ Joseph wasn’t perfect; he would tell his father all the bad things his brothers did. (Yes, he was a tattletale.)
- ❖ However, the favour that Joseph received from his father was not of his doing; his father just blessed him because he loved him.
- ❖ The Bible tells us that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). In other words, none of us is perfect. But God still bestows His grace upon us. God still blesses our lives with His favour even though we do not deserve it.
- ❖ For some of us, the blessing of God in our lives may create tension in some relationships and interactions.
- ❖ There potentially are people that will not celebrate the blessings of God that we receive. They interpret our blessing to mean that they are not favoured by God because they didn’t receive the same things.
- ❖ This could be a contributor to some of us being underappreciated—not valued or appreciated highly enough—while living with the calling of God.
- ❖ There may be a lack of gratitude—no “thank yous”—or people may make negative comments about us.
- ❖ It may be difficult for some people to appreciate when we speak in faith about the call of God on our lives, because the purpose of God is envisioned by faith and not by sight.
- ❖ There are times when being appreciated is not an unreasonable expectation.
- ❖ Luke 17:12-19 records a story in which ten men with a skin disease (leprosy) ask Jesus for healing.

### KEY SCRIPTURE: Genesis 37:3-11 (NLT)

- ❖ Jesus tells the men to go and show themselves to the priest, which was part of the validation process to confirm healing from this disease.
- ❖ On the way to the priest, the ten men notice they are healed; however, only one returns to say “thank you.” Now *that* is underappreciation!
- ❖ Jesus asked about the others who were healed. In other words, Jesus expected appreciation.
- ❖ The reality is that the calling of God on our lives sometimes results in us living underappreciated. So, how do we continue to live out God’s calling when we experience being underappreciated?
- ❖ The calling of God is a high calling (Philippians 3:14). It is a heavenly calling (Hebrews 3:1), and it doesn’t change (Romans 11:29).
- ❖ The way to fight the experience of being underappreciated is to focus on our relationship with God, knowing by faith that He wants to use us to demonstrate His love.
- ❖ This may be why in a moment of extreme underappreciation Jesus could say, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34).
- ❖ Jesus’ focus wasn’t on the responses of the people—they worshiped Him when He entered into Jerusalem one week and cried, “Crucify him!” a week later (see Matthew 21:8-9, 27:22-23).
- ❖ Jesus’ attention was given to His relationship with the Father and the fulfilment of the call of God on His life, which resulted in salvation being extended to every person in the entire world.
- ❖ Like Jesus, we need to focus on our relationship with God and live out our calling regardless of being appreciated or underappreciated.

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Describe a time when you experienced being/feeling underappreciated when serving God. Why is faith so important when a believer is trying to live out the calling of God on their life?
2. In Luke 23:34, Jesus prayed for the forgiveness of those who had mistreated Him. How can His example shape our response when we feel undervalued, criticized, or rejected?
3. Jesus kept His focus on His relationship with the Father even when the crowd turned against Him (see Luke 19:37-38, 23:21). How can we stay committed to our calling when public opinion changes?

### PRAYER TIME

Lord, help me to focus my attention on You, whether I am being appreciated or not. Amen.

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🤔 (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

Start-up: : What is your “love language” or the things that make you feel most appreciated?

### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE  
WORD

**PRAYER FOCUS:** Personal spiritual growth.  
**24-hour Prayer:** Monday, Wednesday – Friday;  
**Daily Devotions:** Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;  
**Departmental Prayer:** Every Thursday (please check schedule)  
**Corporate Prayer:** Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.), **Saturday** morning from midnight to 3:00 a.m., and **Sunday** @ 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
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Freedom Session will be resuming in September.  
 For more information, please contact  
*Sis. Melva Meredith-Lewis.*

#### **PROMO VIDEO**

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### **FAITH CONFERENCE 2025**

#### **BUILDING PEOPLE, BUILDING RESOURCES**

Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

This September, join us for our Faith Annual Conference! We have a powerful weekend prepared with interactive electives during our Saturday session, and our guest speakers during the conference are Pastor Raymond Woodward and Pastor Doril Green! For more information, please contact *Pastor Adrian Peel.*

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#### **FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.**  
 (Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)  
**Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**  
 (Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)  
**Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.**  
 (In person and via Zoom)  
**Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.**  
 (In person and via Zoom)  
**Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled**  
 (see ushers for information)

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS**

### **GOD**

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### **GOD'S WORD**

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### **GOD'S CREATION**

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### **HUMANITY'S FALL**

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### **THE GOSPEL**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### **OUR FAITH RESPONSE**

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### **CHRIST'S RETURN**

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

**AUGUST 17, 2025**



### **Feed Canada to Feed the World**



**Pastor:**  
**Rev. Adrian W. Peel**

*"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."*

*Philippians 4:12-13 (NLT)*

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