

# **Your Calling is Every Day, Not Someday**

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### Every day, not Someday

- Our calling is often seen as a “someday”
  - This is a lie from Satan
- Our calling should be something we live out every day of our lives

### The Problem

- Over the past few years, our society has experienced what researchers call the great resignation
  - Over 47 million Americans quit their jobs in 2021
  - Over 50 million Americans quit their jobs in 2022
  - Nearly 80% of those who quit their jobs regret it
- Job satisfaction has hit a 20 year low across U.S. workforce
  - Only 70% of employees intend to be with their current organization in 12 months
- Work is often conflated with identity

### Work vs. Calling

- “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” - Genesis 2:15
- Work is not a result of sin
- Don’t lose sight of your purpose
  - Israel wandered the desert for 40 years – a journey that should have taken 11 days
    - “And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.” – Numbers 14:4
    - God had a purpose for Israel
      - God’s purpose was to have a chosen people so that the world might see God in them.
  - Our purpose is the same as that of Israel’s

### What is my purpose?

- Ask God:
  - God, what do you want to restore in me today?
  - Lord, what do you want to restore in the world around me today?
- We are tools and vessels that God wants to use to restore the world back to Himself
  - We are His ambassadors of reconciliation and restoration in the world
  - We point people to Him through our work and our words
- Our greatest contribution is in the restoration work that God is endeavoring toward
  - You don’t have to change your job to join in the work

### Your everyday calling...

- ...is to live generously out of the abundance of a generous King, Jesus.
- ...is to chase Christ who calls us redeemed, and a royal priesthood.
- ...is to the presence of Christ.
- ...is to discover how the Spirit has gifted you and how you can contribute to the restoration process of the world to God.
- ...is to rest in the rhythms of grace Christ extends to all who follow Him.
- ...is to make disciples of Jesus.
- ...is to be the salt and light of Christ to the neighbors God has placed around you.
- ...is to be authentic to God's work in your life.
- ...is to allow the Spirit of God to infiltrate every aspect and area of your life and be obedient to His leading.
- ...is to infuse the world around you with faith, hope, and love that comes only through Christ.
- ...is to live like Jesus would.

Your everyday calling is not where you are headed, and it's not what you do.

Your everyday calling is who God is making you into.

Your calling is every day, not someday.

### **Resources:**

*Every Good Endeavor* - Tim Keller

*The Call* - Os Guinness

*Your Calling Here and Now: Making Sense of Vocation*: Gordon T. Smith