

By Name

Part One - What Are You Looking For?

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John 1:35-39 (TEV)

35 The next day John was standing there again with two of his disciples, 36 when he saw Jesus walking by. "There is the Lamb of God!" he said. 37 The two disciples heard him say this and went with Jesus. 38 Jesus turned, saw them following him, and asked, "What are you looking for?" They answered, "Where do you live, Rabbi?" (This word means "Teacher.") 39 "Come and see," he answered. (It was then about four o'clock in the afternoon.) So they went with him and saw where he lived, and spent the rest of that day with him.

GOD'S CALL IS

1. _____ **IN ITS SOURCE.**
2. _____ **IN ITS DURATION.**
3. _____ **IN NATURE.**

1. Calling has a literal everyday meaning to "call" someone.

Psalm 147:9 (NIV)

9 He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

2. Calling in the Old Testament denotes name - to call into being or to make.

Genesis 1:5 (NIV)

5 God called the light "day" and the darkness he called "night."

3. Calling in the New Testament is closely associated with salvation.

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

4. Calling has a fourth application: we are called personally by Christ to become one of His disciples.

Matthew 4:19 (NIV)

19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

ANSWERS:

1. PERSONAL

2. PERSISTENT

3. PROPHETIC