

WHEN GOD CALLS YOUR NAME

I'm Frank Eiklor. What's your name? You hear it called all the time. Your name! But what would you do if you heard your name being called not by one on this planet—but by the One who made this planet?! Farfetched? Not at all! You just need to learn how to listen. When God calls your name!

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INTRO

My Norma—that's my wife—is the quiet, gentle sort. She doesn't use a lot of words. So when she says something, I listen. Really listen. Especially during a tough trial when she heard God call her name and say, "Norma, I love you!" That experience changed her life. And it got me to thinking. How many times in the Bible did God call people by their names? And what about you? Could it be that He is also trying to get your attention so that you will listen to Him when He calls your name and tells you that He loves you? Stay with me. You'll be glad you did!

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“Norma, I Love You!”

- 1) Many say “God spoke to me” Later “I was wrong”.
- 2) Norma – pioneering brings crises—and battles.
- 3) 3 partners hit by drunk—2 killed.
- 4) “Norma, I love you”.
- 5) 4 words changed her life.
- 6) Got me to thinking-others called by name “Whoever believes” “If any man hear” “Whosoever shall call” “Not willing any perish” “Very hairs numbered”. He has spoken your name-and mine.

WHEN WE'RE HIDING

Adam –“Where are you?”

Are you hiding? Past. Guilt. Shame. Failure.

We hide-God seeks-sought Adam-and lost sheep.

Won't leave us naked—makes “reasonable” offer Isaiah 1:18.

The value of one-“you” Luke 15:4.

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When You're Hurting

- 1) Abraham Genesis 22:11
- 2) "Abraham, Abraham"
- 3) You hurting? Emotionally? Physically? Spiritually? Mentally?
- 4) He's calling your name.
- 5) Release pain for peace. John 14:27, Mathew 11:28-30
Illustrated—Man from FLA.

When You Feel Useless and Unimportant

- 1) Exodus 3:1-5. (Moses)
- 2) "I have Plans for you" Jeremiah 29:11
- 3) Vv. 12, 13 are the key—seek and find.
- 4) He made just one like you.
- 5) Quote poem "One Like You".

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When Life Leaves You Dissatisfied

- 1) “Samuel, Samuel” When you’re sleeping.
- 2) I Samuel 3:10 “Speak Lord”.
- 3) God speaking to you? Dream w/warning or promise.
- 4) Or spiritually asleep—sin of laziness, selfish living.
- 5) “Wake up”

WHAT ABOUT UNSATISFYING PRIORITIES?

- 1) ZACCHAEUS
- 2) Lived for #1 using people—ripping people.
- 3) Jesus heads in his direction—and yours.
- 4) “Zach—hurry, I want to come to your house.
- 5) You feel “up a tree”? \$, things, using people.
- 6) Run to Jesus arms.
- 7) Zach found peace and purpose. You will, too!

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When You Feel Dead Inside

- 1) Lazarus—dead “Lazarus come” John 11:43
- 2) You feel dead—on the inside.
- 3) Roll away stone of unbelief.
- 4) Calling your name from a negative, dead life of drugs, sex, alcohol, selfishness to life of meaning and joy.

When Severely Tested

- 1) Peter—John 21:15-17
- 2) You—tests and temp? Gold purified thru fire.
- 3) 1 Peter 1:7 “That the trial...” He calls your name Hebrew 13:5 “Never leave you”.
- 4) “Dare to climb” poem.

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When you're Frightened

- 1) Saul—when sinning—“Saul, Saul” Acts 9:4.
- 2) Terrorist transformed.
- 3) What have me do? Acts 9:6. Total surrender to a terrific example 1 Corinthians 11:1

When You're Frightened

- 1) Even terrified concerning future.
- 2) “Oh Daniel, a man greatly beloved” Daniel 10:11
- 3) “Fear not”—from first day you set your heart to understand and chasten yourself—your words were heard 10:12.
- 4) Are you frightened—Christ is Lord tomorrow? Hebrews 13:8 “Fear not” Isaiah 41:10. “Here's my to day—like a box with my heart in it—all yours Lord”. “Help me get family, friends, all possible in the ark of safety and blessing.