



You've probably heard preachers and other Christians talking about how God called them to do something specific. And if you're a new believer or a skeptic, that might have left you feeling confused and asking questions like, "How do they know what God wants them to do? And how are they so sure it's God who wants them to do it?" To a lot of people, it can sound like empty "Christianese" - the sort of thing that religious people say that can't be proven or verified. So - what does it mean to be "called" by God, and how do you know if God is calling you to do something? That's what "Called Out" is all about.

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**November 24, 2024 - Called Out, Part 3: Learning to Surrender to God**

**Opening Question:** Where is the most holy place you have ever been?

\_\_\_\_\_ **obedience is the same as** \_\_\_\_\_ (See James 4:17)

**When God calls we have two choices:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or** \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 6:1-5** **1** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2** Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. **3** And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

**4** At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. **5** "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

What is the significance of "holy" being repeated three times in the seraphims' song?

Was there a moment when you were more able to fully grasp the holiness and glory of God? When was that, and why? If not, how can you make yourself more available to God?

**The FIRST STEP to Surrender is to be: Aware that God is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am \_\_\_\_\_**

Why do those who encounter God in both the New Testament and Old Testament often come away terrified? (See Isaiah 6:5, Job 42:4-6, Exodus 3:5-6, and Luke 5:8)

**Isaiah 6:6-8** **6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. **7** With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

**8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

**The SECOND STEP to Surrender is to: Answer \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_**

How do you put guards, limitations, or boundaries to your obedience to God?

**Isaiah 6:11** Then I said, "For how long, Lord?"

**The THIRD STEP to Surrender is to be: Available for the \_\_\_\_\_**

When are times you have to wait on God? How can you remain faithful in those long seasons?

The Gospel of John quotes Isaiah 6 in John 12:41 where the writer says "Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him." Jesus was THERE in the throne room. How does that change your understanding of this passage and prophecy?

How are you being called out to be OBEDIENT and SURRENDER this week?



### **Hanging of the Greens TODAY!**

Help us prepare for the Christmas season by decorating The Story! We will be hanging up decorations **TODAY** starting around 12:15pm. Childcare is available for kids up to 5 years old. Just meet us in The Family Room after services!



### **LifeHouse Christmas Wishes**

Spread the joy of Christ this Christmas season by serving families in need through our annual LifeHouse Christmas program! Visit [thestory.church/wishes](http://thestory.church/wishes) to learn how you can get involved, including purchasing gifts or volunteering to serve at events on 12/11 & 12/14.



### **Christmas Choir Concert**

On Friday, December 13 at 5:30pm, children from The Story will bring the Christmas story to life! With music and the spoken word, this group will vividly depict the miraculous events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Head to [thestory.church/events](http://thestory.church/events) to reserve your FREE tickets!