

Making the Call

Part Two - Called Out

As followers of Jesus, we are all called out.

1 Peter 2:9

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

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.

Being called out will get you called out.

Mark 14:53-54; 66-72

They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. 54 Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire. 66 While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. 67 When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said. 68 But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway. 69 When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." Again, he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." 71 He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about." 72 Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Four Things to Learn from Peter's Story:

1. Don't try to follow from afar.

Mark 14:54

Peter followed him at a distance...

2. Don't warm yourself by the world's fire.

Mark 14:54

There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

Galatians 5:19-21

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

3. Don't deny Jesus.

Mark 14:67-68

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Matthew 10:33

But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.

4. Don't call curses on yourself.**Mark 14:71**

He began to call down curses on himself...

We are called out of fellowship with this world and into fellowship with Christ.

2 Corinthians 6:17

"Therefore, come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

John 21:9-17

When they landed, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus told them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many, the net was not torn. 12 "Come, have breakfast," Jesus said to them. None of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are You?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and He did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he answered, "You know I love You." Jesus replied, "Feed My lambs." 16 Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" "Yes, Lord," he answered, "You know I love You. Jesus told him, "Shepherd My sheep." 17 Jesus asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was deeply hurt that Jesus had asked him a third time, "Do you love Me?" "Lord, You know all things," he replied. "You know I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.