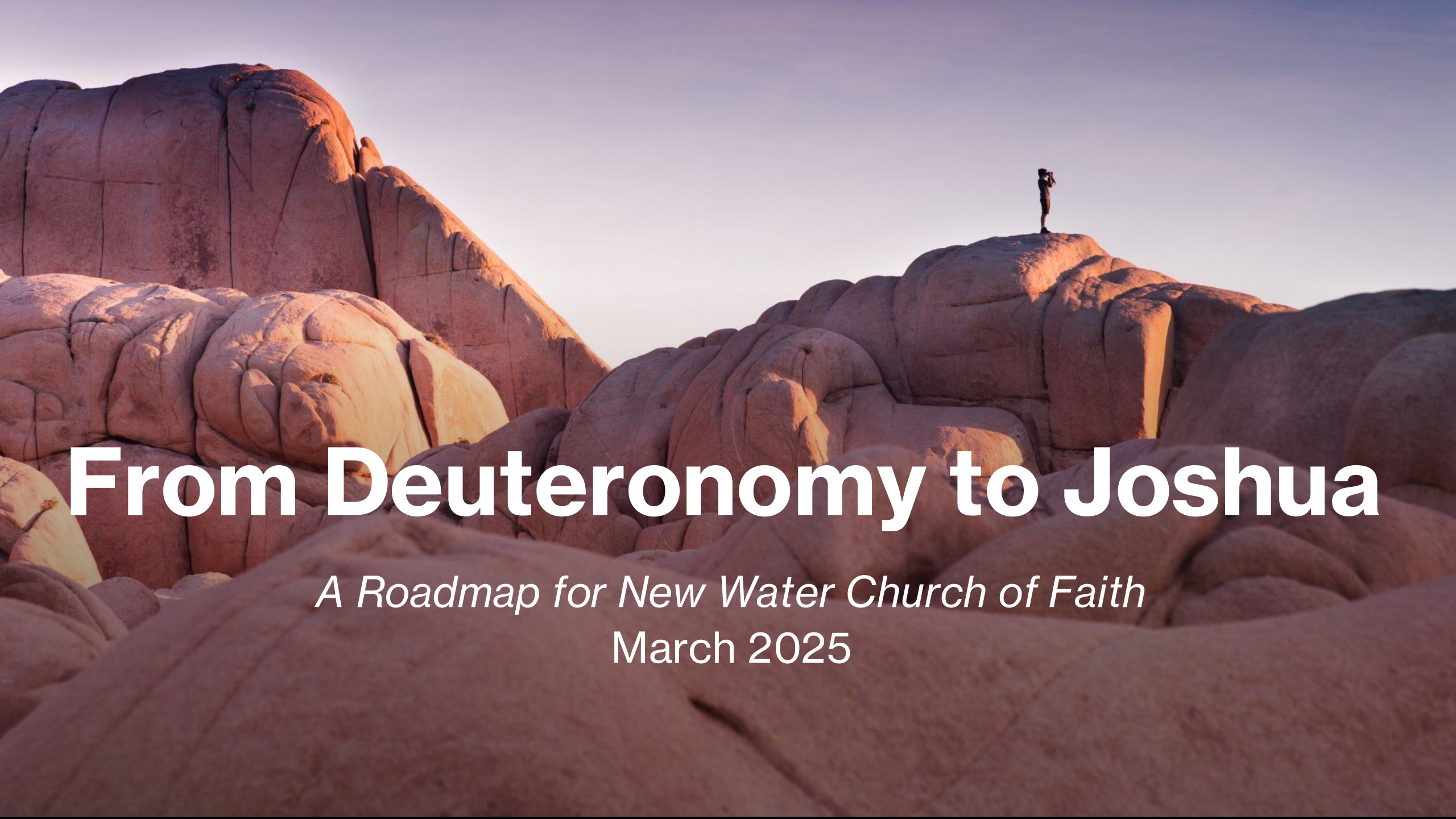




From Deuteronomy to Joshua

A Roadmap for New Water Church of Faith

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Looking Back....What's Been Taught and What We've Experienced So Far.....





Enemies in the Land

Nation	Demonic Influence	Spiritual Stronghold
Hittites	Spirit of Fear & Intimidation	Anxiety, oppression, mental torment
Girgashites	Spirit of Earthly-Mindedness	Materialism, backsliding, lack of faith
Amorites	Spirit of Pride & Self-Exaltation	Arrogance, rebellion, self-worship
Canaanites	Spirit of Lust & Corruption	Sexual immorality, greed, perversion
Perizzites	Spirit of Complacency & Laziness	Lack of discipline, spiritual stagnation
Hivites	Spirit of Deception & False Religion	False doctrines, humanism, idolatry
Jebusites	Spirit of Oppression & Legalism	Discouragement, religious bondage



Key Takeaways on Obedience in the Transition from Deuteronomy to Joshua

Phase	Obedience Focus	Lesson
Deuteronomy (Moses)	Preparing for the Promise	Obedience determines who enters the land (Numbers 14:22-23).
Joshua (Early Conquests)	Walking in Faithful Obedience	Success comes from listening to God's strategy , not human wisdom (Joshua 6).
Post-Conquest (Joshua 24)	Maintaining the Blessing	Obedience is required not just to enter , but to stay in the land .



Next Steps

THEN: Work to Be Done When The Israelites Came into the Land



**NOW: Work to Be Done Now That We Are in
the Land**

THEN

Description

Scriptures



Conquer and Possess the Land

God commanded the Israelites to drive out the inhabitants of Canaan to prevent pagan influence.

Numbers 33:50-53;
Deuteronomy 7:1-2



Divide the Land Among the Tribes

God commanded Joshua to distribute the land among the twelve tribes of Israel.

Joshua 13:6-7; Joshua
14:1-5



Establish Cities of Refuge

Six cities were to be set apart as places of refuge for those who accidentally killed someone.

Joshua 20:1-3



Destroy Idolatry and Pagan Practices

The Israelites were strictly commanded to destroy all idols, altars, and pagan worship centers.

Deuteronomy 12:2-3



Keep the Covenant and Teach God's Laws

They were to remain faithful to God's covenant and teach future generations His laws.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9;
Joshua 1:7-8

THEN

Description

Scriptures



Tithe and Worship at the Appointed Place

They were to offer tithes, sacrifices, and firstfruits at the place God chose.

Deuteronomy 14:22-23



Live in Obedience and Holiness

Israel was to be a holy nation, set apart for God, and not adopt the ways of surrounding nations.

Leviticus 20:26;
Deuteronomy 18:9



Engage in Warfare According to God's Commands

They were to follow God's instructions when engaging in battle.

Joshua 6:2-5;
Deuteronomy 20:16-18



Settle and Cultivate the Land

Once settled, they were to plant vineyards, build homes, and establish a self-sufficient community.

Deuteronomy 8:7-10;
Leviticus 25:18-19



Institute Justice and Leadership

They were to appoint judges and leaders to govern the people in righteousness.

Deuteronomy 16:18;
Joshua 24:14-15

Then & Now.....



THEN

NOW

✓ **Conquer and Possess the Land**
(Numbers 33:50-53; Deuteronomy 7:1-2)

Overcome Spiritual and Personal Challenges

- Remove obstacles such as sin, doubt, and fear that hinder our spiritual growth and journey of faith
- Take bold steps in obedience to God's calling

✓ **Divide the Land Among the Tribes**
(Joshua 13:6-7; Joshua 14:1-5)

Steward God's Blessings



- Recognize that God has assigned each person a unique purpose and responsibility

✓ **Establish Cities of Refuge**
(Joshua 20:1-3)

Create Safe Spaces for Healing and Restoration

- Provide refuge for those in distress, offering counseling, and reconciliation

✓ **Destroy Idolatry and Pagan Practices**
(Deuteronomy 12:2-3)

Eliminate Negative Influences and Worldly Distractions

- Identify and remove modern idols that can replace God as the center of devotion
- Make intentional lifestyle changes to honor God

✓ **Keep the Covenant and Teach God's Laws**
(Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Joshua 1:7-8)

Live by God's Word and Discipling Others

- Prioritize Bible study
- Teach biblical principles to the next generation
- Mentor others

THEN

- ✓ **Tithe and Worship at the Appointed Place** (Deuteronomy 14:22-23)

- ✓ **Live in Obedience and Holiness** (Leviticus 20:26; Deuteronomy 18:9)

- ✓ **Engage in Warfare According to God's Commands** (Joshua 6:2-5; Deuteronomy 20:16-18)

- ✓ **Settle and Cultivate the Land** (Deuteronomy 8:7-10; Leviticus 25:18-19)

- ✓ **Institute Justice and Leadership** (Deuteronomy 16:18; Joshua 24:14-15)

NOW

Practice Generosity and Commitment to Worship

- Faithfully give tithes and offerings to support the ministry

Live a Set-Apart Life

- Make choices that reflect holiness
- Reject compromise and worldly temptations.

Spiritual Warfare and Standing for Righteousness

- Recognize and battle spiritual forces of darkness through prayer, fasting, and discernment
- Stand for truth in a world that increasingly opposes biblical values

Build a Sustainable and Purposeful Life

- Be diligent in work
- Manage resources wisely

Promote Justice and Godly Leadership

- Encourage ethical governance
- Advocate for righteousness in society



Roles and Responsibilities of the Leaders and the People.

When the Israelites entered Canaan, there was a clear distinction between the roles and responsibilities of the leaders and the people.

Leaders' Scorecard



- ✓ Under God's authority & leadership, rules and regulations
- ✓ Ensure responsible decision-making and ethical conduct
- ✓ Inclusion of different voices in decision-making
- ✓ Effective allocation and use of financial, human, and material resources
- ✓ Uphold moral and ethical principles in leadership and management
- ✓ Mission-First Mentality: The Great Commission (**Matthew 28:16–20**) – **Make disciples of all nations**
- ✓ Servant Leadership, Teamwork and Unity
- ✓ Shepherding and Pastoral Care
- ✓ Teach Sound Doctrine
- ✓ Intercessory Prayer and Spiritual Warfare

People's Scorecard



- ✓ Possess the land (**Joshua 18:3**)
- ✓ Obey God's commands (**Deuteronomy 6:1-7**)
- ✓ Contribute to the sustenance and defense of the community
- ✓ Take personal responsibility in securing your inheritance; remember and teach future generations (**Joshua 4:4-7**)
- ✓ Support the leaders (**Numbers 18:21, Joshua 21:1-3**)

How Does Our **Calling** and **Assignment**
AND
the **Timing** of Our Calling AND Assignment Prepare Us
For the Work?

The timing of our calling is critical. God calls people in different seasons, and the fulfillment of that calling often unfolds in stages.

His timing is perfect, and our role is to trust, prepare, and obey.

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Key Lessons:

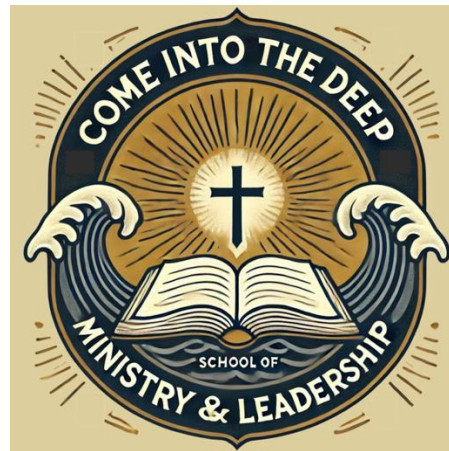
1. Timing requires readiness; God prepares and affirms before He sends
2. The timing of your calling often requires stepping into unfamiliar territory. It takes faith and obedience.
3. God Calls in His timing, not ours
4. Delay in calling can happen due to disobedience

What Are We Doing to Prepare & Obey?

- ✓ Adult **Sunday** School @9:15AM
- ✓ Preaching & Teaching from the Pulpit on **Sundays** @10:00AM
- ✓ **Monday** Night Prayer & Teaching on Prayer @7:00PM
- ✓ **Tuesday** Night Bible Study @7:00PM
- ✓ **Wednesday** Night: *Come into the DEEP School of Ministry & Leadership*



- **D:** Discipleship
- **E:** Equipping
- **E:** Empowerment
- **P:** Purpose



**How do We
Come into
Alignment
With What
God is Doing?**



Identify Our Calling: *Our Calling is a Journey*



Identifying our calling is not a one-time event but a journey. It unfolds as we seek God, use our gifts, recognize burdens, listen to wise counsel, and step out in faith.





Being Called vs. Being Sent

Understanding the Difference

- Being **called** is when God chooses, appoints, or invites a person to fulfill a purpose.
- Being **sent** is when God releases, commissions, or deploys a person to carry out that purpose.
- A person may be called before they are sent
- Being sent often requires preparation, equipping, and obedience.

Key Differences Between Being Called and Being Sent

ASPECT	BEING CALLED	BEING SENT
Definition	A divine invitation to a purpose	A commissioning to fulfill that purpose
Timing	Happens first; may require waiting and preparation	Happens after equipping and readiness
Responsibility	Receiving and accepting the call	Obediently acting on the assignment
Scriptural Example	Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:5)	Moses (Exodus 3:10)
Jesus' Example	Jesus was called as the Son of God	Jesus was sent into the world (John 20:21)

Our Calling Require Preparation and Testing

Many times, before stepping into a calling, God prepares and refines us.

Example: Joseph (A Calling with Preparation)

- Joseph had dreams at 17 years old but became Egypt's governor at 30 years old (**Genesis 37:2, 41:46**).
- He endured betrayal, slavery, and prison before fulfilling his calling.

Trials and challenges refine and prepare you for your calling

Obedience is Key to Walking in Your Calling

Fulfilling your calling requires obedience to God's voice.

Scriptures:

- **Joshua 1:9 (AMP)** – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
- **1 Samuel 15:22 (AMP)** – “....Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.....”

Delayed obedience can delay your calling.
When God calls, respond immediately.

Your Calling Can Be Rejected or Missed

Some people miss or reject their calling due to fear, sin, or disobedience.

Example: The Israelites (Delayed Calling to the Promised Land)

- They were called to enter Canaan, but their doubt and rebellion delayed them 40 years (**Numbers 14:26-39**).

Scripture:

- **Matthew 22:14 (AMP)** – “For many are called [invited, summoned], but few are chosen.”
- **Jonah 1:1-3 (AMP)** – Jonah ran from his calling but was redirected by God.

Ignoring God's call can lead to unnecessary delays and missed opportunities.

How to Identify Your Calling

Identifying our calling requires a combination of spiritual discernment, biblical wisdom, and practical obedience.

- ✓ **Seek God in prayer and fasting** – Daniel 9:3-19, Jer 29:12-13, Matt 7:7
- ✓ **Listen for God's voice** – 1 Sam 2:1-10, Isaiah 30:21, John 10:27
- ✓ **Identify your spiritual gifts** – Romans 12:6-8, 1 Peter 4:10
- ✓ **Recognize your burden for a specific issue or people group** – Nehemiah 1:3-4, Matt 9:36, Isaiah 61:1
- ✓ **Pay attention to open doors** – Esther 4:14, Revelation 3:8, Proverbs 16:9
- ✓ **Seek confirmation through mentors** – Acts 13:2-3, Proverbs 11:14, Eccl 4:9-10
- ✓ **Walk in obedience and take action** – Gen 12:1-4, James 2:17, Hebrews 11:8

6 Steps:

How to properly discern your calling, identify your spiritual gifts, and recognize when you are being sent

Step 1: Discover Your Calling

- Pray and seek God's guidance (**Jeremiah 29:11-13**).
- Identify what burdens your heart.
- **Ask:** Am I called to build, proclaim, serve, or lead?
- **Example:** Jeremiah was called before birth (**Jeremiah 1:5**).

Step 2: Identify Your Five-Fold Ministry Function

- Is the Holy Spirit calling you as: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, or Teacher? (**Ephesians 4:11-16**).
- Get counsel from mentors and church leaders.
- **Example:** Paul was called as an Apostle and went through a season of preparation (**Galatians 1:15-18**).

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Step 3: Recognize Your Spiritual Gifts

- Study **1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4.**
- Take a spiritual gifts assessment.
- **Example:** Timothy was sent as a pastor and teacher with the gift of leadership (**1 Tim. 4:12**).

Step 4: Submit to Preparation and Training

- Every calling requires a season of preparation.
- Grow in knowledge, character, and faith.

6 Steps:

How to properly discern your calling, identify your spiritual gifts, and recognize when you are being sent

Step 5: Wait for the Sending

- Allow God to open the right doors.
- Expect confirmation from leaders, mentors, and God's timing.
- **Example:** Jesus waited until the right time to begin His public ministry (**Luke 3:23**).

Step 6: Walk in Obedience

- When we are sent, move forward in faith.
- **Example:** The disciples were sent after receiving power from the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:8**).



Closing Words

Every believer has a calling – **seek it.**

Every calling needs spiritual gifts – **develop them.**

Every calling leads to a sending – **be ready.**

Five-fold ministry and spiritual gifts work together – **align with God's purpose.**

Reflection Questions:

- Do I know my calling?
- Which Five-Fold Ministry am I called to?
- Which spiritual gifts do I have?
- Am I in the preparation phase, or is God sending me?

By aligning calling, being sent, five-fold ministry, and spiritual gifts, we will walk in the fullness of our divine assignment!