

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### “Ministry Is Not Always Glamorous”

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John 1:41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

While God calls all Christians to ministry of one type or another, not all ministries are equal. Some are called to lead thousands; others are called to serve one.

Andrew led his brother Peter (Simon) to Christ. Though Peter went on to become a leader of thousands we know little else of his brother Andrew.

Ministry is not always glamorous. To be candid, it usually isn't. Oh sure, if you are minister you are known a bit as a public figure, and yes, there are a few famous preachers on TV, but most of the real ministry happens out of the public eye, in private moments that are sometimes powerful, sometimes mundane, but rarely glamorous. Which is the way it ought to be, I suppose.

King David served God in the most dramatic and amazing ways. As a handsome young man he killed a giant in front

of a crowd of thousands. The children and women sang his name in the city streets and all knew his name and face.

Mary of Nazareth had a different calling. We have no description of her appearance, we know little of her heritage, and get fleeting glimpses of her life.

David was a warrior/king. Mary was a mother. Which had the greater calling? Which had the

more important ministry? Ruling a nation? Raising the Son of God?

Sometimes in ministry, pastors and laypeople alike get what is called “gift envy”. Personally, I wish I was a famous theologian, or a great musician. I'm not. I'm a pastor of a church in a small town in a rural area. I'm more of a Mary than a King David. But who is to say it is not the more important calling?

God calls us to where He wants us to minister (if you are a Christian, you are called to minister, whether you are paid staff or not,) and He gives us the tools and resources to do the work He has called us to do. David's experiences and gifts prepared him to be a warrior King. His time as a shepherd taught him how to fight bears with a sling; his time in the hills let him practice the harp so he could play for King Saul; his leadership skills prepared him to be King.

Mary was called to be a “stay at home” mom. God was confident in her skills and ability, and more so believed she had the heart to do the job.

You have a ministry God is calling you toward. He has given you the experiences, the skills, the personality, the time and the resources to do it. Whether you are called to be a Warrior/King or “just” a mom, He will use you for His purpose, if like Mary you will say to Him “Here is your servant. May it be as you say.”

### GOD'S WAY

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**D**o you ever wonder if God hears your requests? In our world, faster is better – we expect instant responses. But God's way does not always conform to our desires; He has His own timetable. “With the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day.” (2 Peter 3.8) We must go about our daily life, trusting in God and His Word, for answers to our prayers may come in ways we do not understand. Learn more about God's way as you worship this week.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
2 Cor.	Exodus	Exodus	Exodus	Numbers	Numbers	Psalm
2.5-17	2.11-25	3.1-22	5.22-6.13	20.1-13	21.1-20	32

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