Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Ministry Is Not Always Glamorous"

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found the Messiah" (that name and face. brought him to Jesus.

Some are called to lead her life. thousands; others are called to serve one.

Peter (Simon) to Christ. calling? Which had the important calling? 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, itusually 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

John 1:41 The first of a crowd of thousands. more important ministry? thing Andrew did was The children and women Ruling a nation? Raising He wants us to minister to find his brother Simon sang his name in the city the Son of God? and tell him, "We have streets and all knew his Sometimes in ministry, you are called to

pastors and laypeople minister, whether you is, the Christ). 42 And he Mary of Nazareth had alike get what is called are paid staff or not,) a different calling. We "gift envy". Personally, and He gives us the tools While God calls all have no description of I wish I was a famous and resources to do the Christians to ministry of her appearance, we know the ologian, or a great work He has called us to one type or another, not little of her heritage, and musician. I'm not. I'm do. David's experiences all ministries are equal. get fleeting glimpses of a pastor of a church in a and gifts prepared him small town in a rural area. to be a warrior King. David was a warrior/ I'm more of a Mary than His time as a shepherd king. Mary was a mother. a King David. But who taught him how to fight Andrewledhis brother Which had the greater is to say it is not the more bears with a sling; his

God calls us to where (if you are a Christian, 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,thepersonality,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."



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m 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

Weekly Scripture	Reading
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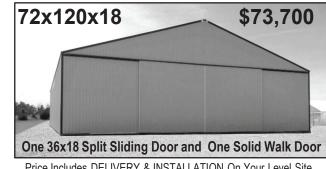
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