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Introduction

Eli: Hey, everyone! It's Eli and Alexis and this session is all about learning to be faithful to God's call on your life.

If you're watching these videos, I bet you take following Jesus very seriously. You want to be faithful, but sometimes you're not sure what God's calling you to.

Alexis: On top of that, you see other people God seems to use in big ways, and maybe you're thinking, "That could be me." You pray and seek God, but the opportunities never seem to come. It can be confusing.

Eli: I'll give it to you straight right now: We all have the same call in our lives. Jesus says to each of us, "Follow me." But our paths to following Jesus are unique to us.

Alexis: And that's why, today, we're talking about what it takes to be faithful to God's call for you. Let's get into it!

Being Willing to Trust

Eli: First, discovering God's call takes obedient trust. We have to trust that God knows what's best for us. Trusting can be especially hard when we don't seem to hear a clear answer from God. But check out this wisdom from Proverbs:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Notice what it says - God's the one who makes your path straight. It doesn't say you'll know where he's taking you. It doesn't say he'll give you a map. All you have to do is submit to him, one step at a time.

Alexis: That kind of step-by-step trust doesn't come naturally.

This world trains us to take charge of our lives - to be the captains of our own ship. According to the world, you're not just supposed to know

what you're doing tomorrow - you're supposed to have a five-year plan.

Eli: But when you submit yourself to God, you'll find that he has a way of shaking up your plans. And that's a good thing! Because what he's got in store is so much better than anything you could dream up for yourself.

Alexis: I want you to take a beat right here and consider how you do when it comes to trusting God.

Read Proverbs 3:5-6 together with James 4:13-17 and Matthew 6:25-34. What do these passages tell you about what it means to trust in the Lord with your life? What areas of your life do you need to entrust to God? Write down your thoughts.

Being Persistent

Eli: The next thing you need to know is discovering God's call requires persistence. Being persistent means we don't give up seeking God, even when we face challenges or unanswered prayers.

Alexis: That's right – Listen to what Jesus taught about prayer. He said:

Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8)

Eli: Notice there are no “maybes” here. Jesus says, if you seek God, you will find him - and you know why? Because he's not hiding from you.

God is with you - even when you can't feel it - and his main desire for you is that you would be with him.

Alexis: Exactly - persistence in prayer isn't about begging God or pestering him into giving you an answer.

Instead, it's about being with God and continually surrendering your worries and questions to him, so they don't become a barrier between you and him.

Eli: Take a break right here and consider your own prayer life. *Has there been a time when you prayed for something and the answer wasn't*

clear right away? How long did you wait for the Lord? Check out David's prayer in Psalm 27. What is his main desire and where does his confidence come from while he waits? Write down your thoughts.

Being Focused

Eli: Finally, discovering God's call requires focus. In our journeys following Jesus, we can be tempted to compare ourselves to others.

Alexis: I totally get it. You feel stuck, and you see someone else God seems to be using. You may even feel like you're "falling behind."

Eli: But listen to what Paul wrote in his letter to the church in Galatians. He said: **Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. (Galatians 6:4-5)**

When we focus on someone else's path, we open the door for jealousy to come into our hearts. When that happens, it won't be long before we're leaving our path and running down the wrong one.

Do you ever get jealous of how God is using other people? Pause the video and write a prayer of thanksgiving for the person you are jealous of. Thank God for how he is using that person. Get specific. See what God does in you.

Remember, we're each on our own path. Our focus should remain on our journey, not comparing it to someone else's. Repeat after me, their path is their path and not mine. My path is my path and no one else's.

Alexis: So, to recap: Being faithful to God's call in your life is going to take trust, persistence, and focus.

Odds are, you're not going to hear the audible voice of God in every decision you have to make. Instead, God's calling you to make faithful decisions based on the wisdom he's given you.

Eli: Exactly - and the way you access that wisdom is by immersing yourself in God's Word, spending time in prayer, and seeking advice from godly people.

And not just when you need to make a decision! Don't wait till you're on the edge of a major life choice to start seeking God. Start now, today, because then, when the time does come, you'll be that much

more like Christ, that much more prepared to walk in the Lord's wisdom.

Alexis: Remember, your journey is unique, and God's plan for you is unlike anyone else's. Make sure you tune in next time. We'll be talking about the importance of knowing how God designed you so you can walk in the purposes he has prepared for you.