

Ephesians 4 My calling...

- 1) is corporate: Belonging to Christ and each other. (Connect)
- 2) is unique: I am called to Action in the Body of Christ. (Serve)
- 3) involves movement: Becoming a Mature Christ-follower. (Grow)
- 4) is outward-focused: As a Christ-follower, to Influence others. (Reach)

Belonging in Community

The Integrity Partnership

Ephes. 4: 1-6

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A. The Source of the Calling

Ephes. 4:1 (NLT) Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.

- 1) My calling is both common and unique.
- 2) My calling is to a high standard of integrity and accountability.

B. The Corporate Calling: Belonging in the Body of Christ

Ephes. 4:2-3 (NLT) Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. [3] Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace.

"Belonging" means....

- 1) Treating others with absolute respect.
- 2) Acknowledging your own flaws.
- 3) Anticipating imperfection from others
- 4) Expecting others imperfection to impact you.
- 5) Living in the unity in Holy Spirit.
 - Spiritual unity is based on peace among "members".
 - Spiritual unity allows for great diversity among "members".

C. Perfect alignment in God's purpose.

Ephes. 4:4-6 (NLT) We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. [5] There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] and there is only one God and Father, who is over us all and in us all and living through us all.

We share a common

1) Family.

2) Energy source.

3) Direction.

4) Creed.