Isaiah, Here Am I, Send Me

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INTRODUCTION

- Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, Here am I, send me.
- But I want you to know tonight, the voice of the Lord is calling all of us. Now he calls us, we are told, through the gospel, 2 Thessalonians 2 in verse 14.
- The voice of the Lord is calling you through his word. What will your answer be?

1 Who Am I? Why Me?

Isaiah 6:5–7; Luke 5:1–8

- Isaiah could have said, number one, Who am I? Why me. That would have been a common reaction.
- But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
- He didn't look past his sin. He didn't ignore it and say, Oh, Peter, you're not that bad. He said, Do not fear. You think you're useless. I have use for you.
- If you have done something horrible in your past and God has forgiven you need to forgive yourself.
- We could see what God has done for us. And now what God can do through us.
- And thank God he sees us not for who we are, but who we can become.

2 Here Am I, Send Them

Exodus 4:10; Matthew 25:14–30; Philippians 4:13

- Isaiah could have said secondly, here am I, send them.
- Isn't there somebody else? Are you sure you've got the right guy here? Isn't there somebody better who can do this better than I can?
- Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.
- We try to compare ourselves with other people, and we see that I can't do what he does, or I can't do it like she does.
- But everybody got something. And nobody was expected to perform on the level of anybody else. They were all judged individually.
- Don't wait for someone else to do it. Send me is a personal recognition.

3 Send Me, but Not Now

Jeremiah 1:6; Isaiah 6:9–13; Isaiah 40:31

- He could have said, Here am I, send me, but not now. Send me, but not now. He could have easily postponed his responsibility.
- Jeremiah responded to Jeremiah 1 in verse 6 Behold, I do not know how to speak, because I am a youth.
- There was no time to say, Well, I'll go, but not now. The need was immediate.
- But tomorrow has got to be the busiest day of the week.
- Such is the uncertainty of life, the foolishness of waiting for tomorrow, the work that can be done today.
- Yet there is no record where Isaiah says, Well, hold on, can I change my answer?

THE CHALLENGE

This is going to be on the test. Who will go for us? Who will say, Here am I? Send me.

MY NOTES