

CALLED TO BE GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE

You are having your breakfast tomorrow morning; you look out your kitchen window to discover there is a stretch limousine parked in front of your home. You are quite curious about all the commotion until you discover it is the President of the United States on his way to your front door. You open the door with some hesitation and invite him and his detail into your humble home.

The President informs you that he wants you to be his Representative to a foreign country. He tells you to pack a bag as you will be flying to Washington D.C. and he will explain the details on the way. He gives you no time to get your house in order as he wants to leave now. So, you accept his invitation, pack a bag and you are on the way.

On the flight to D.C. you find out everything you need know about your new post. You will have everything provided for you and you have no need to worry about anything. He also tells you that whoever you meet with, you will be representing him 100% and the words you speak will be as if he was speaking. The President's spokesman! Sounds exciting and a job to look forward to doing on behalf of your country and your President.

There is another ambassador position that each of us already holds because we are children of God. If you are moved by the Holy Spirit to accept this one, you will be speaking on behalf of the Lord. Only this one will be slightly different and can make a difference in bringing the message of grace & forgiveness to people you meet in your everyday walk. You can, through your church help bring that message to people close by and those far away through your prayers and offerings. Some of us are specially gifted to speak on Christ's behalf to others, maybe even to perfect strangers. All of us are called to speak on Christ's behalf to the people close to us.

Each of us has an important call to speak to others for Christ. We don't have to pack our bags to leave at a moment's notice. Everything is provided for us. When we speak, we are speaking for the Almighty Triune God. This call can be found in *1 Peter 2:9*. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

The apostle Paul was one specially gifted to call others to repentance and faith in Jesus. "That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors**, as though God was making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:19, 20). Pray for these public ambassadors and don't be afraid to speak for Jesus yourself when the opportunity arises. He will give you what to say.

Can you imagine the joy you will feel when someone comes up to you in heaven, taps you on the shoulder and thanks you for sharing this message?

We have all been called to be priests of God, you will find times where our message is rejected. Don't concern yourself, you are speaking for the Lord and if the message is rejected, they are rejecting our Lord not you. So, let's go to work!

