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Calling, Influence, Challenges, and Credentials: A Conversation with Joy

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Ways We are Called

- Isaiah certainly received a direct call from God.
- Elisha was mentored in ministry and took on the mantel of anointing.
- The Good Samaritan was also a minister who saw a need and chose to meet it.

"I believe the need is the call. I did not respond to an audible 'call.' I responded to a desperate situation. I do not believe those of you who were pressed into ministry to children because you saw a need are any less called than those of you who had a vision and heard a voice. I don't believe you are any less called than those who were mentored by an anointed minister. Regardless of what has led you to acknowledge that you are a minister to children, this "calling out" is a work of God in your life." (Bill Wilson, WHOSE CHILD IS THIS?)

Recall how you where "called to ministry." Thank God for entrusting this ministry to you.

Many children's ministers simply see themselves as appointed volunteers because they have not had someone to validate their call. God has chosen you. God will work in you so that you can work with Him in accomplishing His purposes both in your life and in the lives of children of your church.

Who influenced your ministry? Give thanks to God for these individuals.

Recommended Books:

- *Whose Child is This?* by Bill Wilson
- *Listening to Children on the Spiritual Journey*, Stonehouse and May
- *Talk Like Ted* by Carmine Gallo

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