

## The Call Daily Devotional

Using a book by Os Guinness "The Call"

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Link to the book

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Devotional by chapter:

## The Call Daily Devotion – Chapter 1

Book:

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By Os Guinness

Read Chapter

The Ultimate Why

Read Verses

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand. Proverbs 19:21 (ESV)

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God. Ecclesiastes 2:24 (ESV)

Questions

Do you have a reason for being, a focused sense of purpose in your life?

Is your life the product of shifting resolutions and the myriad pulls of forces outside yourself?

Do you want to go beyond success to significance?

Have you come to realize self-reliance always falls short and the world-denying solutions provide no answer in the end?

Prayer

Lord, give me purpose and direction in life. Help me to become significant and make a difference in your world.

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Read Chapter

Seekers Sought

Read Verses

“Ask, and it will be given to you; a seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7 (ESV)

And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” Mark 10:49 (ESV)

Questions

Do you live your life in which of these phrases, “The search is its own reward” or “Better to travel hopefully than to arrive”?

By all means love, by all means desire, but do you think carefully about what you love and what you desire?

Do you know the One you have sought, knowingly or unknowingly, as your heart’s true home and one true desire?

Prayer

Lord, help me to love what you love, hate what you hate, and desire your call to me above all.

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Read Chapter

The Haunting Question

Read Verses

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1 (ESV)

To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.. John 10:3 (ESV)

Questions

Do you know the calling or vocation that god has called you too?

Have you responded in any way to God's calling?

Do you want to know the secret of the mystery of your very being and rise to become what you were born to be?

Prayer

Lord, who am I? Who and what person have you called be to be? My desire is to please you and to do your will.

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Read Chapter

Everyone, Everywhere, Everything

Read Verses

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26 (ESV)

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, a leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21 (ESV)

Questions

Am I a product of the Catholic or Protestant distortions?

Do you want to accept a challenge that will be the integrating dynamic of your whole life?

Do you want to accept a challenge that will engage your loftiest thoughts your most dedicated exertions, your deepest emotions, all of your abilities and resources, to the last step you take and the last breath you breathe?

Prayer

Lord, give me the power and strength to accept any challenge from you.

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Read Chapter

By Him, To Him, For Him

Read Verses

that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. 2  
Timothy 3:17 (ESV)

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? James 2:14 (ESV)

Questions

Do you believe that you were called or being called to your work?

Do you think that you worship God through your vocation?

Do you want to be his, entirely his, at all costs his, and forever his so that the secondary things remain so and first things are always first?

Prayer

Lord, help me change my view of vocation, work, or call. Help me to see these things as you see them.

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Read Chapter

Do What You Are

Read Verses

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:17-19 (ESV)

and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. Acts 18:3 (ESV)

Questions

Do you know what gifts God has given to you?

Do you want the best and most wonderful gifts God has given you to decay, spent on your own self?

Do you want those gifts to be set free to come into their own as you link your profoundest abilities with your neighbor's need and the glory of God?

Prayer

Lord, help me to know what my giftedness is. To then use those gifts in your service and not for my own selfish endeavors.

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Read Chapter

A Time to Stand

Read Verses

And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal." Samuel 15:12 (ESV)

because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 1 Thessalonians 1:5 (ESV)

Questions

Do you think calling is personal or cultural?

Do you believe that calling is indispensable to the integrity and effectiveness of the church?

Do you want to know a truth that in the momentous challenges to inspire of our modern world will be at once a quest to inspire you, an anchor to hold you fast, a rich fare to nourish you, and a relationship you will prize above all others?

Prayer

Lord, help me take my calling from that of something only personal. To make it what you want it to be in my community, sphere of influence, and culture.

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Read Chapter

Let God be God

Read Verses

When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Exodus 3:4 (ESV)

And immediately they left their nets and followed him. Mark 1:18 (ESV)

Questions

Have you experienced the primary call of God, his address to us, which always has two dimensions: summons and invitation, law and grace, demand and offer?

Do you feel that you are a disciple that follows or one that "must" follow?

Do you want to "let God be God" and know a decisive authority in your life that will brook no refusal?

Prayer

Lord, help us to follow you because we must and to do this because "I cannot do otherwise".

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Read Chapter

The Audience of One

Read Verses

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless Genesis 17:1 (ESV)

But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Matthew 6:6 (ESV)

Questions

Have you considered who you are living and working for?

Do you follow and work within your calling for God or is this for yourself and the sense of being noticed for what you do?

Do you wish to be inner-directed rather than other-directed and truly make one audience decisive, the Audience of One?

Prayer

Lord, help us to work for your audience, to keep us from wanting to be noticed by people, and pursuing recognition from only you.

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Read Chapter

Our Utmost For Highest Still

Read Verses

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you."  
Ezekiel 2:1 (ESV)

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)

Questions

Do you long to rise to the full stature of whom you are created to be?

Do you want to know the passion of the intensity of life at its fullest?

Do you want to be included in "Our utmost for his highest"?

Prayer

Lord, please help us see you as the our hero and to imitate you our desire.

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Read Chapter

Where the Buck Stops, There Stand I

Read Verses

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 (ESV)

If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear. Mark 4:2 (ESV)

Questions

Do you understand the modern world's definition of responsibility?

What are you responsible for and who are you responsible to?

Do you wish to stand fast and be a responsible person, one "who tries to make his or her whole life an answer to the question and call of God"?

Prayer

Lord, help us to remember who we are responsible to and keep us from falling into the trap of taking on responsibility just because or culture dictates it.

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Read Chapter

People of the Call

Read Verses

and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” Exodus 19:6 (ESV)

and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. Acts 11:26 (ESV)

Questions

Are you frustrated with “the institution of church,” as if there is such a thing as a non-institutional church?

Is your communal expression of faith only a spiritual equivalent of a “lifestyle preference” and a “lifestyle enclave”? Or are you committed to the holy, catholic, and apostolic church?

Is your allegiance truly to a nonpolitical and non-ethnic assembly of people designed to gather all nations to itself, on the basis not of tribe or nation but the call of God in Christ?

Prayer

Lord, help us to understand your church and our role in it. To hold us together as people of the call and not by tribe or nation.

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Read Chapter

Followers of the Way

Read Verses

For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.' Matthew 3:3 (ESV)

and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Acts 9:2 (ESV)

Questions

Do you wish to live life as a journey?

Are you eager to know the Way?

Do you have a deep desire to reach the goal of your quest?

Are you willing to lead an examined life, travel with those who use the same signpost, and associate with all who long for the same home?

Prayer

Lord, help us to see our life in the proper way. To travel with people on the same journey and goals.

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Read Chapter

There but for the Grace of God Goes God

Read Verses

And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day Genesis 32:24 (ESV)

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18 (ESV)

Questions

Do you think you are worthy of God's call?

Do you act as if calling was for you alone, designed exclusively for your wished, dreams, plans, titles, and achievements?

Do you know yourself so well that you know beyond a shadow of a doubt call is all a gift and all of grace?

What will you say at the gates of heaven when you are asked, "Who are you?"

Prayer

Lord, remind of us of our call and our place in your plan. Help us to remember who we are and why we are here.

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Read Chapter

What is That to You?

Read Verses

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.  
Galatians 5:26 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" John 21:22 (ESV)

Questions

Do you have the habit of looking around at others with callings close to yours?

Do you feel called into question by other peoples achievements?

Do you feel that the success of others is more than they deserve and yours somehow less?

Are you disappointed, even angry, at the gap between your desires and your accomplishments?

Prayer

Lord, help us to not to be discourage but encouraged by our cal and the calling of others. To swallow our pride and see the higher cause that we have all been called to.

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Read Chapter

More, More, Faster, Faster

Read Verses

Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun. Ecclesiastes 2:11 (ESV)

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." Matthew 6:24 (ESV)

Questions

Do you allow money to dominate your priorities, assessments, relationships, and time?

Do you allow consumer society to contrive your wants?

Do you do what you do, above all, for God's sake and the sheer love of it?

Are you so free from anxiety about money that you can be carefree in giving to those in need?

Prayer

Lord, help us to want what you want and not what the culture or market dictates. Please keep us from consumerism and help us to be free to give to those in need.



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Read Chapter

Combating the Noonday Demon

Read Verses

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. Samuel 11:1 (ESV)

But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Matthew 25:26 (ESV)

Questions

Do you long to escape the smallness of a life with no purpose higher than your own?

Do you long to rise above the mediocrity, tedium, and quiet desperation of so many around you?

Do you long to know a purpose no odds can daunt and no failure can dismay?

Prayer

Lord, show me where I am lazy, mediocre, or am failing to work as you have called. Give me the strength and power to do your work and give us the purpose and meaning we all long for.

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Read Chapter

A World with Windows

Read Verses

And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone Matthew 14:23 (ESV)

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3 (ESV)

Questions

Do you live in a world without windows?

Do you feel the time squeeze of those for whom managing time is a bigger problem than making money?

Have you developed your gifts of reason and practicality to the point where your eyes of faith are blind and your weapons of spiritual warfare purely metaphorical?

Do you see "the horses and chariots of fire all around"?

Prayer

Lord, help me to see in this world. Give me sight in understanding the spiritual and reality of the world in which I live.

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Read Chapter

Locked Out and Staying There

Read Verses

And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, a they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Luke 5:4-8 (ESV)

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet." Matthew 5:13 (ESV)

Questions

Is your faith privately engaged but socially irrelevant?

Is your faith as consistent in your place of work as in your home?

Are all your memberships and your allegiances relativized by your commitment to Christ?

Are you acting as "salt" and "light," or do you need to be locked out of the Christian ghetto?

Prayer

Lord, help us to be relevant, to be salt and light, and the strength to be consistent to the people that are watching our lives.

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Read Chapter

A Focused Life

Read Verses

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Genesis 12:4 (ESV)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. John 15:16 (ESV)

Questions

Do you lead a saturated, overloaded, and fragmented life?

Are you pulled around by the nose through appeals to need?

Are you frustrated at yourself over the times the best in your life is diverted by the good?

Do you long to know the overriding passion and purity of heart of willing one thing?

Prayer

Lord, help me be focused and not have an attention problem. Keep me from the fragmented and frustrating world of choice and help me be single and not double minded in my present world.

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Read Chapter

Dreamers of the Day

Read Verses

Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. 1 Corinthians 7:17 (ESV)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Hebrews 11:1-3 (ESV)

Questions

Does your faith see only what is in front of your nose, or is it also “sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see”?

Does the here and now, the present and the accepted, form a prison cell for your thinking, or are you reaching for more than you have grasped?

Has your vision suffered from the leakage since you were young, or are you still paying its price and closing its gap with reality?

Prayer

Lord, help us be dreamers of the day that we may put them into action.

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Read Chapter

Patches of Godlight

Read Verses

He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. Matthew 14:29 (ESV)

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' Matthew 25:21 (ESV)

Questions

Are you blind to the splendor of the ordinary?

Do you depend on the adrenaline of the impressive and inspirational?

Do you long for a "philosopher's stone" to turn life into gold?

Prayer

Lord, help me not to look at following you and the cost of discipleship as drudgery. Give me the grace to remember who I do these things for and why I resolve to be called.

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Read Chapter

Let All Your Thinks be Thanks

Read Verses

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. Deuteronomy 7:6 (ESV)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)

Questions

Do you wear your chosenness like a badge of honor?

Do you take chosenness as a compliment to the general decency of your life? Or does the unfathomable wonder of calling grip you like a grand compelling you can never satisfy or shake off?

Have you ever been carried away beyond yourself by love for Christ who called you?

Would Jesus ever be able to say to you what he said of the woman who bathed his feet in her tears?

Prayer

Lord, help us to be grateful for what you have done for us. Keep us close so that we may not think that our calling is about us.

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Read Chapter

Everybody's Fools

Read Verses

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart. 2 Samuel 6:16 (ESV)

Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. Luke 17:33 (ESV)

Questions

Have you had your "white funeral"?

Is your faith respectable, sober, moderate, calculated, and comfortable, with as little tension with the world as possible?

Are you prepared, in the words of the Little Flower of Lisieux to "have no other desire than to love Jesus unto folly"?

Do you, in your own way, "live after the gospel"?

Prayer

Lord, help us to count the cost of discipleship, to be counter and antithetical to this world, and show a witness that is extraordinary.

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Read Chapter

The Hour Has Come

Read Verses

And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Luke 19:41-42 (ESV)

And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." John 2:4 (ESV)

Questions

Do you try and march to your own drum?

Do you try and unriddle the puzzle of your own life?

Do you bring in your own chorus of prophets to interpret your omens?

Do you live with your eye upon God and the assurance that your times are in his hands?

Prayer

Lord, we pray that the timing we have is yours. Give us that which we do not have.

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Read Chapter

Last Call

Prayer

Lord, help me to finish well in this life. Keep me pursuing You and growing in maturity till the end. Help me to not confuse my vocation over calling. My outcome or end of life must be totally up to you Lord!

Listen to Jesus of Nazareth: answer his call!