



GOD CALLING

**Phone calls are not much
different from other kinds of calls
we receive, even calls from God.**



As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.



Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.—Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)



1) Responding to a call involves a decision.



*“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”—
Revelation 3:20 (NIV)*





2) Answering a call requires leaving other things.



"Simply put, if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple."—Luke 14:33 (MSG)



You want to have wisdom Without making mistakes You want have money Without the work that it takes You want to be loved But you don't want the heartaches.

Everyone wants to get to heaven,
Lord Nobody wants to die Everyone
wants to get to heaven, Lord Nobody
wants to die.



You want to be forgiven Without taking
the blame You want to eat forbidden
fruit Without leaving a stain You want
the glory But you don't want the
shame.

Everyone wants to get to heaven,
Lord Nobody wants to die Everyone
wants to get to heaven, Lord Nobody
wants to die.

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You want to be a winner Without
taking a loss You want to be a
disciple Without counting the cost You
want to follow Jesus But you don't
want to go to the cross.

Everyone wants to get to heaven,
Lord Nobody wants to die Everyone
wants to get to heaven, Lord Nobody
wants to die.



3) Answering a call includes participation.



*“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” –
Matthew 7:21 (NIV)*



Some responses to Jesus' call:

- Hit the ignore button.
- Put Jesus on call waiting.
- Use call forwarding.
- Answer: "Don't call me, I'll call you."
- Answer: "Whatever you say, Jesus; I am willing to respond, leave other things behind, and follow you with all my heart."

