Calling - it's not always straightforward

It's tempting to imagine that if it is God calling us it will always be really clear. In practice, calling is often quite messy, not immediately clear and sometimes God calls us to things that we either don't want to do or don't really feel equipped to do.

- What is your experience of the struggle to hear God's call?
- Have you ever struggled with God's Call to you?
- Has anything helped you?



"My grandmother saw my calling way before I did."

Edith Focho

Something to try

At what points in your journey through life has it been hard to hear God's call to you? Why? Has anything helped you? If you did Day 1 as a family or group, you may like to discuss this together.

If you have enjoyed talking about how God's call fits into your journey you might be interested in:

- · Growing with God leaflet
- Firepit leaflet
- Encouraging One Another in Everyday Faith

If you have found it helpful this week to discuss things with other people, then you might want to consider a conversation with a Spiritual Director and a Discerning Calling Mentor or a local church leader. Contact the Vocations Team for more information.



Watch today's video Calling - it's not always straightforward

"...I now know that all of my experiences, as painful and as messy as they were, that in my fragility and through his gentle healing spirit, he has given me the gifts of empathy, compassion and love for others, and I have turned these weaknesses into strengths."

Sarah Curl

"...sometimes [calling] has
meant letting go of things
that I love doing and this
can be really difficult... but
somehow when I know I
am being called by name,
the thoughts and feelings
don't go away, they get
stronger and louder."

Steph Packham

