

JESUS CALLS & EMPOWERS

EPISODE 7

SYNOPSIS

Jesus took on flesh out of love for the world, but his love for everyone is personal and individual. Jesus loves each person and calls them each by name. He desires to be in relationship with every person. Jesus' love is always personal. He knows every person's name and continually chooses them, despite their sins and failings. Jesus' call empowers us. Like he did for Lazarus, Jesus calls each person out of their tomb— out of what binds them and into a fuller life. He calls them because he loves them.

JOHN 3:16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*

MARK 10:49-50 *Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.*

JOHN 4:13-14 *Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not; prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.*

KEY TEXTS

DISCUSSION

1. Jesus' love for us is personal and individual. Talk about a time when you felt how personal God's love is for you.
2. Jesus continues to choose you even at your worst moment. How does this truth make you feel? Does it bring you peace or do you struggle to believe this? Have you experienced this personally? Explain.
3. Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb. What is the "tomb" that Jesus calls you out of?



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-ST. AUGUSTINE-

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REFLECTION

Come, Holy Spirit.

God loves you with a personal love. Reflect on John 3:16, but substitute it with your own name, "For God so loved _____ that he gave his only Son, that _____ should not perish but have eternal life." Meditate on this for awhile and ask to feel God's personal love for you.