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## THE CERTAINTY OF YOUR CALLING

"Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?"

Mark 8:34-36 (NLT)

Many people have a house but no longer have a home. Many people have money but don't have peace. Many people have plans but don't have any purpose. This principle of saving and losing your life is fixed. It's another way of saying you can't find God's calling for your life when you're busy trying to save it by gaining the world.

Giving yourself totally to God is giving Him full power over your life. When you do that, you experience the abundant life He has promised to give you. When I committed my life to God's calling for me at the age of eighteen, I had no idea what God had in mind. All I knew was, "Whatever You want me to do, Lord, however You want me to do it, wherever You want it done, I am Yours." Then the Holy Spirit took over, and God began unfolding a series of events that have brought me to this point.

When you lose your life for Christ's sake, God will reveal His calling to you, and the puzzle of life will begin to come together. AMEN.

Dr. Tony Evans

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20

