

THE CALL
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Lights come up to show four men at restaurant table. They have just finished lunch.

Pastor: I must insist! We've all been called, each and every one, as ministers of the Word. God commanded everyone. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel"

Jack: That's a little radical, Pastor! In those scriptures, he named countries that don't even exist today. His command was only to men of that day, and specifically to his disciples. He gave both a direct command and authority to do it. I don't think we've been given either.

Pastor: So you feel no responsibility to witness, Jack?

Jack: Just saying everything he said to his disciples can't be applied to us.

Jon: Wait a minute! Where would you stop with that? Aren't we also to be disciples of Christ? Aren't we told that all scripture is given by inspiration? And is profitable to us?

Manny: That's crazy. Are we supposed to be witnessing in Judea and Samaria? Waiting in Jerusalem for power from on high? I agree with Jack. We can't follow everything he said to his disciples. *(Stands up to leave, pulls money out of wallet, lays it on table)* Gotta leave or I'll be late.

Jon: *(Also stands, puts down money)* Me too. Tell you what, Pastor. Keep working on Jack, and I'll work on Manny. *(Lays hand on Manny's shoulder)*

Manny: *(He and Jon begin to walk off stage)* No problem! If God personally tells me to hike from city to city with no money or clothes, I promise. I'll do it. Till then! *(Shrugs)*

Pastor disturbed, plays with silverware on table

Jack: Have to admit, Pastor. He's got a good point. Faith comes by hearing the voice of God. I haven't ever heard it.

Pastor: *(Very serious)* Misquoting scripture doesn't lessen responsibility. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. *(Also stands, lays down money)* I'm sorry I can't stay. I'm deeply concerned though. You choose which parts of scripture to take seriously? It is God's Word.

Jack: Pastor, you ask too much. What about "occupy till he comes?" We're all pretty occupied with our lives. Too much to pretend we're New Testament disciples.

Pastor: That's what bothers me, Jack. The part about pretending. *(Exits off stage)*

Jack: *(Aloud)* Well, how do you like that? I'm doing all I can for God. So I don't shove my

opinions down people's throats. Figure if they're interested, they'll ask. So I haven't devoted all my time and resources to reach others with the message. Hardly anyone has. (*Stands up, lays money on table*) Manny was right. An audible voice is one thing. But just searching scriptures for reasons to feel guilty is ridiculous. (*Reaches for jacket, calls out*) Tell you what God! You want me to do more for you, let me know personally.

As Jack puts on jacket, Jesus Christ enters stage behind him, walks up behind him, kicks him in the rear, sending him flying

Jack: What? What was that for?

Jesus: Sorry about that. But I already spoke to you through my Word, your convictions, your Pastor, and my saints. This seemed like the only way to get really your attention. Now, (*Turns and points*) get out there and do what I told you.

Lights fade on this scene.