

What does it mean to hear God's call?

Every Christian has a call. Sometimes that call demands major life changes. Sometimes that call is answered in small acts of faithfulness made many times over in the course of a lifetime. But what exactly does it mean to "hear the call"? What does it mean for each of us, as people of faith, to hear and respond to God's call?

In the 2007–2008 *Horizons* Bible study, *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*, Old Testament scholar and pastor Carol Bechtel looks at this question through the lens of what God's call meant for Jonah and Ruth. Not just a "fish tale" or a "Cinderella story," these biblical books, says Bechtel, offer us insight into what it means for each of us to hear and heed God's call. Further, these books teach us that God's steadfast love goes above and beyond anything we could ever imagine and leaves no corner of our lives untouched!

No matter where you are on your life's journey, this study will challenge you to ask, "What am I called to do? Who am I called to be? What am I called to say?"

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