

Sunday, January 18, 2009

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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1 Samuel 3: 3b – 10, 19

1 Corinthians 6: 13c – 15a, 17 – 20

John 1: 35 -42

Both Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19 & The Gospel of John 1: 35-42 address the idea of being “called” and then “to come and see.” This “Call” is what God wants us to do with our energy. Call is always the betterment of humanity to serve others from a standpoint of Community. A good New Years Resolution is to pay attention to how God is calling you.

The Bible describes people called by God are caught unaware that God could not possibly mean them. The Old Testament reading shows Eli the priest unaware of the call that the young boy Samuel had received in a dream. Then Eli realized that God is calling them both and tells Samuel to answer the third time “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” In the Gospel, two disciples of John the Baptist follow Christ. Jesus asks them “What are you looking for?” Jesus then invites them to come and stay with him. Would you be comfortable staying with Jesus? If not, what can you do to be comfortable?

Today, God Calls out to a very wounded and fragile world. W.H. Auden wrote, “It is where we are wounded that God speaks to us.” Are you wounded anywhere? If so, pay attention – the next Call is for you! God might be saying... “Can you hear me now?”

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