



# **Called by the Father's Love**

**Part 1 of our Mission Statement**

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# Goals for Us Tonight

- **The Father's intention & desire described best by "love"**
- **This "love" demonstrated by His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ**
- **Our experience of this love > initiated by a call from the Father experienced thru a two-fold work of the Holy Spirit**
- **How**

# The Father's Love

- I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. (Jeremiah 31:3)
- Prodigal Son – fulfillment story manifesting the heart of the Father (Luke 15:11-32).
- John 3:16 ...might have **eternal life** !
- Love has purpose: “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed** to the image of his Son (Romans 8:29)”

# Demonstration of the Father's Love

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. ***But God proves/shows/demonstrates his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us*** (Romans 5:8)

# The Call of God's Love

**Our experience of this love > initiated by a call from the Father experienced thru a two-fold work of the Holy Spirit**

- 1. External hearing of the Gospel**
- 2. Interior action of the Holy Spirit awakening in our spirit the God-breathed message of the Gospel that was heard**

# The Primacy of this Call

- **There are many calls in Scripture**
- **To be called by the Father's love is the Alpha and Omega of all the calls in Scripture**

# Strengthening Our Response

- **Recognize the enemy of DISTRACTION**
- **Ask the Father for greater TRUST**
- **Make room for prayer**
- **Make room in particular for listening**