

PERILOUS PRAYERS—3
SEND ME

3 RESPONSES TO GOD’S CALL

1) JONAH: HERE I AM. I’M NOT GOING.

“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”³ But Jonah ran away from the LORD. Jonah 1:1-3

2) MOSES: HERE I AM. SEND SOMEONE ELSE.

So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” Exodus 3:10

3) ISAIAH: HERE I AM. SEND ME.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO FULLY SURRENDER TO GOD?

1) A GENUINE EXPERIENCE WITH THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Isaiah 6:1

2) A GENUINE AWARENESS OF YOUR SINFULNESS.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” Isaiah 6:5

3) A GENUINE UNDERSTANDING OF GOD’S GRACE.

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” Isaiah 6:6

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What we feed grows and what we starve dies.

Group Questions

- Do your prayers revolve more around what God can do for you or what you can do for God? Give an example of how you’d like to be praying.
- List some typical excuses people give for not going to the places—or doing the work—God calls them to.

- Which do you most lack: genuine experience with God, awareness of your sinfulness, or understanding of His grace?
- Talk about the last time you felt compelled to do something out of your norm. How did you respond? Could it have been God sending you?
- Currently, do you most identify with Jonah, Moses, or Isaiah? What might be keeping you from full surrender to God?
- Just like brokenness, being sent is not a one-time experience. To what or where are you being sent now?