



HERE AM I, SEND ME!

Responding to God's Call

Acts 28:17-31; Isaiah 6:1-8

Stage 1

Revelation of God (Isa. 6:1-2)

Stage 2

Realization of God's Holiness (Isa. 6:3-4)

Stage 3

Recognition of Our Own Sinfulness (Isa. 6:5)

Stage 4:

Renewal of Our Perspective (Isa. 6:6-7)

Stage 5:

Response of Our Lifestyle (Isa. 6:8)

Stages taken from the John Maxwell Study Bible

Discussion Questions

1. What is your favorite verse written by Paul in his letters to the churches? Why?
2. Luke's final sentences concerning Paul's ministry give us a snapshot of what it looks like to finish well. How would you define finishing well in your life? Explain.
3. Has God called you to do something for Him that will stretch you? If so, what is it, and how can we as the body of Christ help you pursue His calling in your life? Discuss.
4. What is one lesson you have learned from studying the book of Acts? What is one step you will take this week to grow as a witness for Jesus Christ? Discuss. (CSBLSC)
5. Pray together for God to move this fall in our friends lives who don't know Jesus yet.

Acts 28:17-31: And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.

After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. ¹⁸ When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. ¹⁹ But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. ²⁰ For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain." ²¹ And they said to him, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. ²² But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against."

²³ When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. ²⁴ And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved.

²⁵ And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

²⁶ "Go to this people, and say, "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." ²⁷ For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.' (Quoted from Isaiah 6:9-10)

²⁸ Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.

³⁰ He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Isaiah 6:1-8 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."