

## SELECTIVE HEARING

Isaiah 55:1-9

Monday, March 18, 2019

“Come!” Don’t you just love getting an invitation to come to a feast, be it a dinner at church, a meal in someone’s home, a picnic with a group of friends? We definitely hear these kinds of invitations and we take off to be a part of a celebration of some sort or just a gathering of friends. And what about when we hear our children in another part of the house calling, “Come?” Do we go running? Or we hear them outside yelling, “Come.” And then there are those times our spouse hollers, “Come.” Do we immediately drop what we are doing to go see why we are being called? Or do we have selective hearing?

Sometimes we want to ignore these. We are busy; we have things to do; we are engaged in watching a movie on television and don’t want to be disturbed. Maybe we are watching a ballgame on TV and we can’t take our eyes off of it or we are reading a book. We don’t want to be bothered. So, we pretend like we didn’t hear.

Aren’t we glad Jesus did not have selective hearing? Oh, he wanted to avoid the cross when God called him. He didn’t want to walk that path. But Jesus knew that God’s ways were different from his own; he knew that God’s plans were not his plans and He obeyed.

Jesus finished that journey to the cross for you and for me. He died upon that cross to save us from our sins and to offer us eternal life with Him and God in heaven. He didn’t have selective hearing like so many times we do. We hear God calling and say, “I can’t do that,” or “I don’t have time; maybe later.”

During this season of Lent let us prepare our hearts to hear the call to “Come” just as Jesus did despite our ways and our plans. Prepare to celebrate Jesus’s willingness to accept God’s ways and follow His call. Prepare to celebrate Jesus’ death on the cross because he died for you and for me.

**Prayer:** Today, we thank you Jesus for accepting God’s ways and God’s plans and for not having selective hearing. Help us to also not have selective hearing. Amen.

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