

Perspectives

Help Wanted!

Located in most newspapers (print and online) is some type of “Help Wanted” section. Each ad contains some kind of description of the work the employer is seeking people to do, and often the kind of person desired to fill that position. If you are looking for employment, and you feel you are qualified to do the job, you answer the want ad.

Throughout the Bible we see God calling out, “Help Wanted!” You may be thinking, “God doesn’t need our help!” Though all-powerful and not dependent on any creature, God has chosen to carry out His plans through lowly human instruments—people who are obedient. God worked through people like Moses, Isaiah, Peter, Paul, and He still works through people today who have surrendered their lives to Him and are open to His leading.

The Hebrews, God’s people, were slaves in Egypt. God was going to set these people free and give them a land of promise. Therefore, God was looking for a person to lead the people out of bondage. Someone with a humble heart. Someone He could work through. Someone who would be open to His divine direction. God called Moses (Exodus 3). But Moses could not do what God was calling him to do by himself; therefore, God promised to be with Him (3:12). God chooses to work through people, but they cannot do His will on sheer human power; they need the power of God working in and through them.

One of the messages of this quarter is that God is looking for people to work in His kingdom—those who will say “yes” to His power, presence, and leading in their lives. God has placed His image in us (Genesis 1:27) and calls us to be the “light of the world and the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13-16)—reflecting His glory in the world. We are His “masterpiece created to do good works” (Ephesians 2:10) and He calls us to “go into the world and preach the good news” (Matthew 28:19) We often think God will do it “some” way; He doesn’t need us to share our faith, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, visit the prisoner, and so on. However, God is calling out, “Help Wanted!” Will we answer that call?

May God bless you as you study His Word this quarter!

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