

Here I Am!

Sept. 25, 2022 – Isaiah 6:8 Pastor Jon Pickens

4 Observations about God's Commission to Isaiah:

- 1. God invites humans to **partner** with Him to accomplish His plans.
- 2. God doesn't hesitate to invite humans into something **difficult** that requires sacrifice.
- 3. It teaches us the **trinitarian** nature of God.
- 4. God's invitation to Isaiah is similar to the **Great** Commission.

Isaiah's Response:

- 1. Isaiah accepts God's invitation willingly.
- 2. Isaiah accepts God's invitation knowing it's going to be tough.
- 3. Isaiah's posture is one of **confidence** and **humility**.

Our Response:

- 1. We must first humble ourselves to **reality** of God.
- 2. We must face our fears.
- 3. We must take a step of **faith**.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is your reaction to the idea that the God of all creation invites you to partner with Him to carry out His plans for the world?
- 2. At times God can be really specific about what He calls you to, but can you think of things that God calls every believer to do?
- 3. What fears do you wrestle with that seem to hinder you from engaging in what God has called you to do?
- 4. What would it look like for you to take a step of faith to engage in God's mission?
- 5. What are ways that we can encourage other Christians in this area of obedience?
- 6. What is a take-away for you from the message or this passage?

Next Steps:

- 1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
- 2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pi@fbclowell.org.
- 3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
- 4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

September 2022 Two Year Bible Reading Plan			
Week 1 Starting Sept 5	Week 2 Starting Sept 12	Week 3 Starting Sept 19	Week 4 Starting Sept 26
Day 1: 1 Kings 12	Day 1: 1 Kings 18	Day 1: 2 Kings 3	Day 1: 2 Kings 10
Day 2: 1 Kings 13	Day 2: 1 Kings 19-20	Day 2: 2 Kings 4-5	Day 2: 2 Kings 11-12
Day 3: 1 Kings 14	Day 3: 1 Kings 21	Day 3: 2 Kings 6	Day 3: 2 Kings 13-14
Day 4: 1 Kings 15	Day 4: 1 Kings 22	Day 4: 2 Kings 7-8	Day 4: 2 Kings 15-16
Day 5: 1 Kings 16-17	Day 5: 2 Kings 1-2	Day 5: 2 Kings 9	Day 5: 2 Kings 17
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3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:3-4

What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?