

POSCIMUR

What Does This Mean?

The Latin word means, “we are needed.” Actually, the meaning is more compulsory. A better translation would be, “We are summoned.” Not only are our skills a good fit for what needs to be done, but we are also being called by our master to report for duty. When the master calls, we must go. We are compelled to go. He demands it. This is a better way to understand not only the Latin word, Poscimur, but it is also indicative of our calling as Christian men.

We have been summoned to service by the Almighty. We have been given the rank, the skills, the tools, and the training to fight in the Lord’s army. Now is not the time to pretend like we don’t hear his call. Now is not the time to be idle, lukewarm or dull. No, today we heed the call of our master, our King, our Savior, and we answer his summons to service.

But what does he summon us to do right now in 2021 America?

How can we make a difference in this chaotic time?

Take a few moments to reflect on the presentations you have just heard, and then write down three things that God is calling you to do right now:

Now, zoom into each vocation (or calling) you currently have that you can think of. A vocation can be any role that God has called you into, not just in church, but in life! Many of you are a husband (you have been called to care for your wife), a father (you are called to care for your children), an employer, an employee, a son, a grandson, a leader in the church, a mentor, a mentee etc. Write down each vocation below and list one thing God calls you to do in that role:

But here is what God is **NOT** calling us to do: God is not calling us to an easy life. God is not promising even a happy one. No, of all the great promises God gives, that we will have an easy and happy life is not one of them. Instead, God gives us a lot of summons to embrace a hard and painful path ahead. Don’t believe me? Read and dig into the passages below. There is a lot of material there. You do not need to work through all of it. However, they are included to show you that this is not a rare topic for God. He wants to make abundantly clear that we are called to a hard life in this world *because* through our weaknesses God displays his grace and power all the more.

However, what God does promise is that even when things do get hard, and they will, and when we are hated, because we will be, our faith makes us stronger. Our hope is clearer. Heaven gets sweeter.

Study the passages on the next page and explain what we are summoned to do in our vocations:

1 Timothy 1:8-14

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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2 Peter 1:3-15

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

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2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

⁵This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— ⁶since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. ¹¹To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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2 Thessalonians 2:13-15

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

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1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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