

**Fresh Fire Ministries**  
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**“God Never Gives Up On Us”**

*For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. Romans 11:29 (New International Version)*

This is an extremely powerful passage. The original revelation and context is regarding the children of Israel, the chosen people of God. By application it is to every believer who now through the blood of Jesus Christ has become the recipient of every promise made to Israel through the Father of the Faithful, Abraham. (See Galatians 3:29)

In spite of their rejection of the Messiah, multiple instances of disobedience, a hardened heart, and a plethora of other "issues", God still remained faithful to Israel. The Apostle Paul reminds his young protégé in the Lord Timothy, **"If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful, He cannot deny Himself" (II Timothy 2:13 KJV)**. Now before we begin to look upon Israel with disdain, God has also been faithful to Gentiles (non-Jews) in spite of ourselves. He cannot respond to us outside of His character even when we have been unfaithful towards Him.

Every believer is gifted and has been called. Let's look at these two characteristics in reverse order. The call that we receive is three-fold in nature. God calls us out of, into, and in spite of. The word "call" in the original text is the idea of one being "invited" to a feast or perhaps a wedding. In this context it is the divine invitation to embrace the salvation of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. In our acceptance He calls us "out of" darkness, "into" His marvelous light, and "in spite" of who we are and what we may have done. The word "gifts" in the original text means the "grace or gifts denoting extraordinary power that distinguishes every believer and enables them to serve the Body of Christ." Every believer has been given at least one or more gifts for the work of the ministry.

With that said I believe it is fair to conclude by illustration that God has made a very unique and invaluable investment in each of us. Any investor worth his or her salt always desires the proper return. Even when the stock goes up, down, stagnates, and even hits rock bottom the investor keeps on investing with the assurance that one day the return will exceedingly outweigh the value of the original investment. That is why God will never give up on us. Even when we have given up on ourselves God keeps right on investing. He never has second thoughts about gifting and calling us. He never has regrets, even when we fall short of His expectations He keeps on investing. The investment can never be cancelled or revoked. He keeps on investing in us until He has received the return that will bring glory to His name. Lord thank you for remaining faithful to what you have invested in us.