

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Welcome back after the half term break, I hope it was all you wanted it to be, whether than was the kind of rest that saw you under a blanket watching films with a hot chocolate, lying on a hot beach somewhere or the kind of rest that is just a change, like myself pulling out fitted wardrobes!!! Whatever it was for you, I hope it recharged you for the new term ahead.



As you are aware before half term we launched our new vision, if you have not yet watched the Collective Worship or used the resources on our website I would encourage you to do so. <https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/vision> The first part of our vision is about being Called and we have looked at this in two ways, firstly a personal calling just as Moses was called by God for a specific task we have been encouraged to look at our own personal calling. Oprah Winfrey talks of a personal calling being unique as a fingerprint.

"I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint - and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you."

Always a good thing to remind ourselves of at the beginning of term. However, in the Bible there is a second discussion around calling as in 1 Corinthians 1:9, the calling that God gives to be in relationship with him through Jesus, it is a calling of a transformation of lives. The story of Saul's transformation to Paul in the book of Acts and chapter 9, clearly details this. Saul goes from 'breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples' (verse 1) to significantly moulding the Mediterranean's early Christian communities, travelling and writing countless letters of spiritual guidance and insight – transformation indeed!

Christians believe today we are also called into the same fellowship with Christ that Paul was, not because we 'breathing murderous threats' but because to be in fellowship with someone means having shared values, beliefs and behaviours. This fellowship produces a mutual co-operation in God's worship, God's work, and God's will being done in the world. When our beliefs and behaviours change to align with God's we start to flourish in a way we have not done before.



The New Living Translation of the Bible puts it like this “[God] has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1:9). A partnership with Jesus, to work with him in all we do. The daily reflection on this verse from Theology of Work states this;

‘The Father wants you to know Christ and live your life in communion with him. A central feature of that fellowship is partnership. When you say “yes” to Jesus, you join with him in the work of redeeming the world. You help to proclaim and live out the implications of his death and resurrection, so that the world might be reconciled to Christ and made right under his authority. We live out our partnership with Christ in the world, wherever God has placed us. We serve as Christ’s partners in our workplaces, school, and community organizations. We exercise our partnership through our purchases, our giving, and our voting. In all that we do, we have a chance to respond to the call of God to be partners with Christ’

What an exciting transformation, what an exciting calling!

Some questions for reflection:

Do you think of yourself as being called by God into fellowship with Christ and his people?

What difference does this make in your life?

How might you live today if you saw yourself as a partner of Christ?

There is a song I love to sing at church and I think it sums up Paul’s transformation well <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfzpfqrPUDo> .

Please be assured as you navigate the coming weeks in school we are praying for you and championing you in all you do.

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