



UNDERSTANDING THE CALLS OF GOD

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- God has four specific calls that each person must answer.
- Understand how each call relates to LifeMastery.
- Being fruitful in my Faithfulness is an important step that proceeds any significant Fruitful calling.

SUMMARY

Most join **BATTLE READY** to discover God's LifeMission call. He has other calls to action in **BATTLE READY** that require our attention to building a foundation for **BATTLE READINESS**. Each call is critical to LifeMission. Each call must be answered with intentionality and strategic behavior. God's Calls are also followed in order and built upon one another. The stronger foundation you create in the initial Calls of God, the stronger your **BATTLE READINESS** will be sustained.

The Calls of God are:

1. The Call to Conversion (saying "yes" to Jesus)
2. The Call to Transformation (renewing your Mind to live Jesus' words)
3. The Call to Faithfulness (practicing excellence in your roles)
4. The Call to Fruitfulness (practicing your LifeMission)



DISCUSSION

1. Hearing about the Calls of God, on a scale of 1-10, 10 being best, rate your responsiveness to the call of:

- Transformation
- Faithfulness
- Fruitfulness

2. How could this clarity impact your responsiveness in the future?

3. Name one thing you feel prompted to do/change immediately.

BATTLE READY Living:

- You have said “Yes” to following Jesus and are intentionally renewing your Mind to live His words.
- You exercise growth and plan initiatives to remain faithful in your four roles.
- You are familiar with God’s design of you and intentionally aim and re-aim your LifeMission.



GROWTH – THE CALL TO TRANSFORMATION

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Understanding how Jesus matures His followers.
- Recognize what the Holy Spirit is highlighting for change.
- Learn the process of transformation through the renewal of the Mind.

RESOURCE: Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:21-24

SUMMARY

The Apostle Paul might say that growth puts off the ‘old self.’ You were instantly made into a new creation in Christ when you said ‘yes’ to the first Call of God to Conversion. You became perfect in the Father’s eyes in a heavenly sense. In the earthly sense, little changed with your decision. Bad habits and anti-truth thinking are still guiding your thoughts and actions. You began a growth journey to put off the old self in exchange for your perfect self in Heaven.

This process requires the renewal of your Mind and thoughts to conform to the teachings of Jesus. First, the Holy Spirit makes you aware of your thinking or behavior misaligned with the truth. Then you need to renew your Mind to the truth. This takes active thought and practice until it becomes automatic behavior.

The stages of competence are as follows:

- 1. Unconscious Incompetence:** You’re unaware of where you need to grow.
- 2. Conscious Incompetence:** You become aware of one area of needed growth.
- 3. Conscious Competence:** You successfully grow and are aware of it.
- 4. Unconscious Competence:** You have grown but are no longer aware of it.



Your journey to earthly holiness is built on one change in thinking/behavior at a time. A loving Father introduces needed adjustments in small, doable amounts. Your role is intentionally working with His growth process, actively renewing your Mind, and practicing His truth.

DISCUSSION

1. Name something that the Father has brought to Conscious Incompetence Recently.

2. Chart a course to Conscious Competence. What strategy is needed to change your behavior?

BATTLE READY Living:

- You understand God's growth process and actively participate in it.
- You recognize that transformation requires renewing your Mind and putting new truth into practice.
- You believe your Heavenly Father is gentle and only requires a change per your capability.
- You believe that holiness on earth is possible and reach for it with every new truth you learn.



TIME LEADERSHIP

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Understand the **BATTLE READY** formula for success
- Transitioning from time management to time leadership
- Defining your days: Focus, Buffer, Sabbath
- Using time leadership to develop LifeMastery and LifeMission

SUMMARY

You may be familiar with time management. Time management systems help you complete more activities in the same amount of time. It's about efficiency. Time leadership includes efficiency while focusing on doing the right things more efficiently.

Godly Time Leadership has three parts. It starts by ensuring biblical rest on the Sabbath, guards against invasive time demands in "Buffer," and creates targeted time investment through Focus on the ten things God has entrusted you to excel within.

1. Sabbath is not optional: it must be scheduled.
2. Strategic behavior is not natural: it must be designed.
3. Focus time is unique: it must be designated.
4. Buffer time is invasive: it must be controlled.
5. Time is limited, but it is sufficient: you have all the time you need for success in all **BATTLE READY** commitments.
6. You will not experience success in any aspect of life to which you have yet to dedicate regular focus time.

Your time leadership strategic behavior is to lead on your Focus Days, Manager on your Buffer Days, and Restore on your Sabbath Days.



DISCUSSION

1. List some ideas and topics for increased Focus Days. (schedule one)

2. List some Buffer Activities to delegate, eliminate, or automate.

3. List and name some Sabbath Day experiences. Who's with you?
(schedule one)

BATTLE READY Living:

- You intentionally schedule Focus Days to maximize investment in each of the ten commitments of **BATTLE READY**.
- You constantly are minimizing Buffer Activities.
- You are faithful to Sabbath Days and purposely rest.



CHANGE: NAVIGATING THE LIFE'S SEASONS

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Understanding the four seasons you'll encounter for each of your initiatives in **BATTLE READY**.
- Create awareness of your current season in each initiative.
- Learn to anticipate seasonal transitions and work them to your advantage.
- You lead change, or change will lead you.

SUMMARY

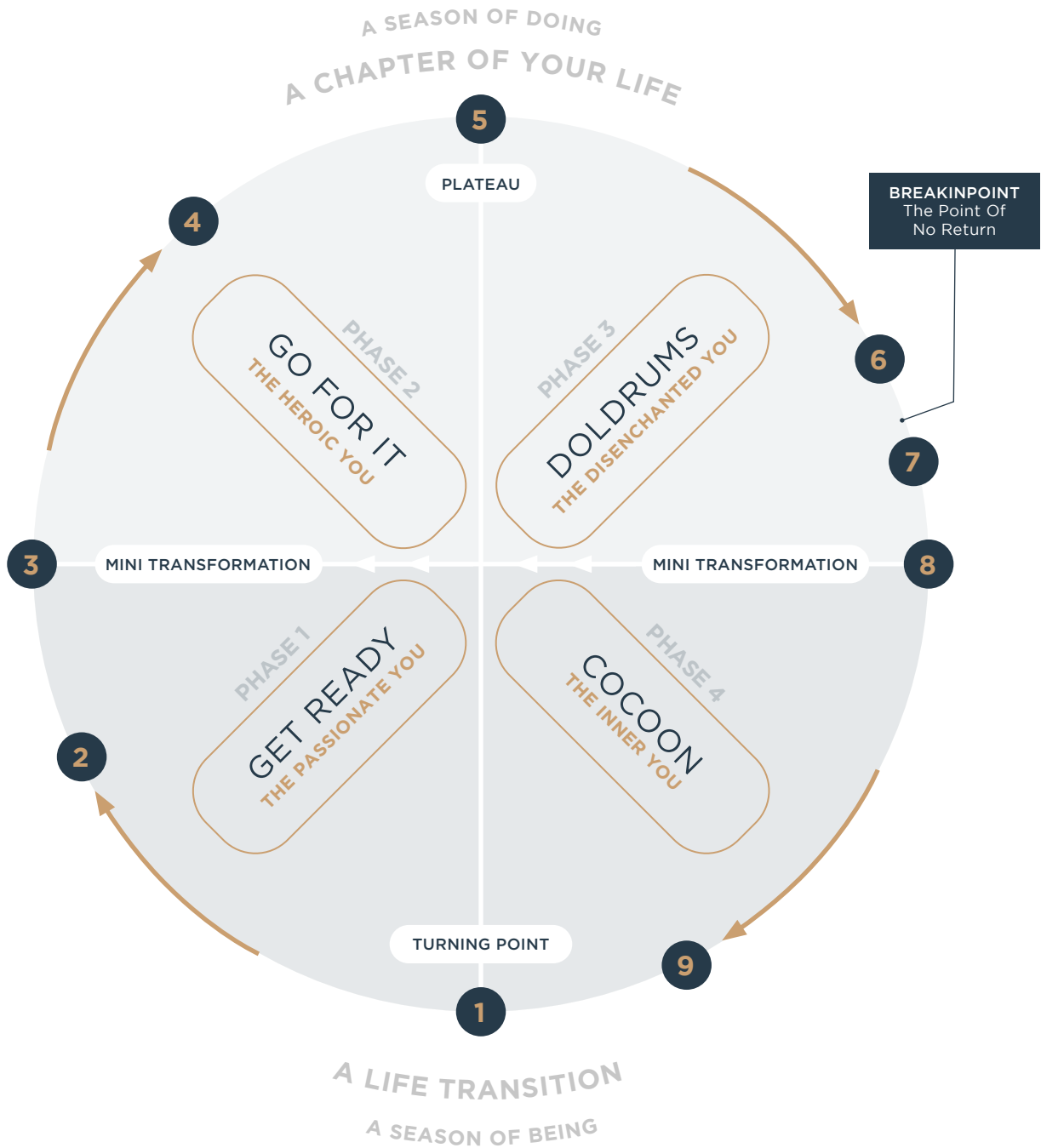
There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens (Ecclesiastes 3:1). You are familiar with the seasons of nature. Various season types also occur in relationships, marriage, children's upbringing, careers, and **BATTLE READY**. Seasons create change that must be anticipated and navigated. Without anticipation, seasonal changes can paralyze us, preventing us from advancement.

The Renewal Cycle model from the Hudson Institute illustrates the four seasons of change we will encounter. The "Get Ready" season is where the process begins. It's when you're excited about a new job or relationship. It's a season of being. Everything is new and fresh. You're excited about what's possible. Phase 2 is the "Go for it" season. This is a season of doing, setting goals, and making commitments. The "Doldrums," Phase 3, is when the wind comes out of your sails. You might still be good at the task, but something's off. Your passion has waned. At this point, a critical decision must be made. Will you make a mini transition by reliving the past with a new set of circumstances, or will we dive into a transformation through the "Cocoon"? The Cocoon Season, Phase 4, is an inner journey of re-evaluating your core values and re-focusing your purpose. Most people avoid the Cocoon Season, but it is critical to refining who you are across all realms, including your LifeMission.

Season changes are inevitable. Understanding seasons is essential to anticipate and navigate them strategically and purposefully.



THE RENEWAL CYCLE



Model Credit: "The Hudson Institute"



DISCUSSION

1. Which season of life do you feel like you're in right now?

In the family realm: _____

In the professional realm: _____

In the Kingdom realm: _____

BATTLE READY Living:

- You recognize and anticipate seasonal changes and purposely transition.
- You're not afraid of the cocoon and deliberately use this season to refine and refocus your actions.