

14. CUT OFF

LET EACH OF YOU REMAIN IN THE CONDITION IN WHICH YOU WERE CALLED.
1 CORINTHIANS 7:20

When I Can't Do What I'm Called To Do

It's one of life's hardest things, isn't it? We have a drive, a passion—something inside us that we just LOVE to do.

And then we can't.

What does a calling mean when we can't pursue it? How do we cope when the uncertainties of our life are keeping us from doing the things we love?

This short proclamation from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians speaks directly to those times when something cuts us off from what we know we're called to do. But as Randy's story makes clear, our circumstantial roadblocks don't always signal the end of the story.

God calls us, still.

God helps us adapt to our conditions.

God helps us grieve what we have lost.

Challenging circumstances do not get in the way of God's callings, even though....

We may still need to seek healing or justice or a resolution to our blocked calling.

And continue to listen for another call.

And as we do, we are honest with our questions...

Exploration Questions

- How have you experienced being “cut off” as Randy was?
- How do you translate Paul's “remain in the condition in which you were called” for your own life?
- Why is “remaining” difficult right now, and what strengths have been tested in you?
- What are you noticing about God's grace in your life that you might not otherwise have noticed?
- What have you lost, and how honest with God have you been about that loss?