

# ***DIVINE SHOCK TREATMENT***



**Sometimes it takes a jolt.**

**You could call it a divine shock treatment.**

Somebody hurts your feelings, causing you to take another look at how you treat people.

A sudden disappointment.

Or a jolt that comes straight out of heaven---a word that hauls you up short and forces you to face reality.

The result?

Suddenly you see that your heart is in no shape to be exposed to the light of day.

Yet now it's humble enough to listen to the truth.

God has your attention.

God is not a sadist, he's your Father.

He loves you like no one on earth ever could or did. But he will do whatever it takes to bring us from darkness to light.

**Hence, after the shock treatment, comes the call---always.**



God never gives you a jolt without following with a call to a far better life in his kingdom.

Example:

***"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" cried Peter. Jesus answered, "Don't be afraid, from now on you will be drawing people into the kingdom of God."***

**If you have had a divine shock treatment....**

**...be sure that you are also under a divine call.**

It happened to Isaiah, to Mary, to Peter, to Paul.

It could be happening to you right now.

***"And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' And he said, 'Who are you, Lord,?' And he said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting; but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'"***

Acts 9:4-6



*Prayer: Lord, Father.... tell us what to do now that you have our attention again, now that you have jolted us back to reality. We haven't been listening. We've been bent on going our own way. Help us to hear your divine call, to follow your divine direction once again. Thank you that you love us enough to stop us from veering off the divine course you have for us. And thank you that you don't leave us floundering and stunned after the shock. Thank you for the call that follows. Oh Lord may we honor both the shock and the call by turning from the darkness we were headed for and following your light once again. Amen.*

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