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## Introduction

You are a confirmand. But you are more than that. You are a redeemed child of God who has been gifted and called to live and serve in many different roles. Martin Luther taught that everyone is to fulfill their God-appointed tasks in everyday life. This book is a collection of callings that you may have in your life, and encouragement as you serve your Savior in those roles.



# Student

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

## Reflection

So much of your life is spent in the role of student. For at least twelve years of your life, it is your “full-time job” as you sit in a classroom, lab or learning center gathering information from those who teach. And that is just the formal education; it doesn’t even include the amount of time you are learning from

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band instructors, dance teachers or other extracurricular instructors that influence you as you live out your calling as student. Albert Einstein said, “Once you stop learning, you start dying.” What prompted him to make such a bold

statement? We are called to be learners throughout our life. God has placed intelligent and experienced people in our lives to help us learn. Proverbs reminds us that only foolish people despise the learning process. You should not take for granted the people who can help you gain new wisdom about growing in your relationship with God, navigating tricky situations in society and relationships, taking care of the world God has given you, expanding your mind to gain necessary skills to serve God on your occupational journey and discovering your worth in Christ.

## Questions to Consider

What has been the most important thing you learned this week?

When do you get the most excited about learning something new?

Who has been an influential teacher in your life and what qualities does he/she have that you admire?



Write a letter to your favorite teacher, thanking him or her for the wisdom you gained in class ... both subject materials and life lessons!

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# Sibling

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

## Reflection

“You can choose your friends, but you sho’ can’t choose your family, and they’re still kin to you no matter whether you acknowledge ’em or not, and it makes you look right silly when you don’t.” —Harper Lee (*To Kill a Mockingbird*)

There were times growing up when I got so mad at my brother, or he with me, over the most ignorant things. In those moments I am sure that we both said and did things that were pretty foolish. I’m thankful that throughout my life, those moments of frustration and anger took a backseat to the fun, respect, and mutual care and support that we shared with each other. We can’t pick who our family members are, but we can choose how we will treat them. Our brothers and sisters are God given gifts to us and we are called to love, honor, cherish and respect them just as we do our parents and those in authority (fourth commandment fun). May you live out your calling as a sibling in such a way that exemplifies Ephesians 4; being kind, tenderhearted and forgiving one another!

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By the way, if you are an only child, apply these principles to your relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ. They are your family, too!

## Questions to Consider

Was there a time when your sibling(s) showed you forgiveness?

What is something you admire in your sibling(s)?

What is one of your favorite memories with a brother or sister?

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**Here is a unique journal** to help you grow in your faith as your life stretches before you. Written by expert youth leader Jeremy Becker, this booklet explores many different callings from God that are confirmed in Scripture, with reflections to read, questions to ponder and space to journal.



Includes journaling prompts for readers to write on.