

CALLED AND EMPOWERED BY GOD

*And there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
distributed and resting on each one of them. –Acts 2:3*

Lord, can it really be that I am part of Your divine plan? I am no flame-tongued apostle, touched by Your whooshing wind at Pentecost and able to talk to many peoples in their own tongues. I am no stalwart Moses, leading the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt. No power-rod have I, that serpent changeling held firmly in Moses' grasp. And yet... Did not Moses himself protest and demur? Were not the apostles demoralized and fearful after Your death? But You equipped the apostles as You equipped reluctant Moses; thus empowered and invigorated, they bent their will to Yours.

When Your call comes, it also empowers.

Lord, I am no flame-tongued apostle, filling the ears of all earth dwellers with passionate praise of Your might. I am no prophet, eloquently instructing Your chosen people in the straight paths of Your commandments. But did not Jeremiah himself tremble and shrink before Your charge? The Lord strengthened Jeremiah and put His own words in the prophet's mouth, and Jeremiah delivered the judgment of God in a strong, clear voice.

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Lord, can it really be that I am part of Your divine plan? Yes, for You knew me when I was in my mother's womb, and You marked me for Your own. Lord, You empowered the apostles as You did Moses and the prophets, and I know that You will also empower me to carry out Your call, wherever it may lead me.