

A Prayer for Clarity of Call

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I wonder, God most beloved, what you are calling me to?
Of course,
I feel a nudge,
sometimes even a burning, to follow your purpose for me.
Of that I am clear.
But the details of that call are frustratingly, tantalizingly unclear.

I wonder, God most beloved, how to discern your voice?
Of course,
I recall the encouragement of my mentors and friends,
And sometimes even the startling revelations of your Word.
But I'm still not sure if this is really you telling me what to do.

I wonder, God most beloved, if you will be explicit about your plans for me?
Of course,
I've noticed what I seem to be good at,
and sometimes even receive affirmation of my gifts.
But are my 'good ats' and 'gifts' what you want me to do?

I wonder, God most beloved, if you will provide for me in this calling, whatever it is?
Of course,
I remember you have cared for me thus far,
even in the rough and tumble moments.
But I am anxious about leaning in fully and trusting your providence, especially when things are so unclear.

Receive my wonderings, God most beloved, and bear them with patience.
Envelope me with that same patience. I need it.
Help me to trust that clarity will come, and with it the courage to answer your call.
I'm waiting, my beloved, for you.
Amen.