

## The Call of a Leader

It is always encouraging – most of the time when I ask a certified nursing assistant in one of our centers why they do what they do – to hear the response: “Because I feel God has called me to do this,” or “When I go home at night, I believe I have made a difference in someone’s life today,” which is another way of expressing his or her stewardship to the Lord.

God summons Christians to the work He has for us. He calls leaders to their roles – and CNAs can be leaders, too!

A familiar Bible passage – Isaiah 6:1-8 – illustrates how God calls: *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”*

As speaker and author John C. Maxwell observed: “When Isaiah receives a vision from God, the Lord lays out a need for someone to speak for Him. God has a message and is looking for a messenger. God issued a general call, for anyone, and Isaiah took it personally. He did so because of three factors that make up a divine call to lead:

- “Opportunity. We see a specific place where we can make a difference. This has to do with timing.
- “Ability. We recognize that we have the God-given gifts to do something about the need. This has to do with competence.
- “Desire. We want to step out and address the need; our hunger pushes us. This has to do with our passion.”

As I consider the leaders in Life Care Centers of America, at all levels of service, I see those three factors at work. Thank God for our leaders.

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