

Loved, Called, and Empowered:

In Nov. 2004 God spoke to me and told me to go start a church in Wesley Chapel. On Feb. 15, 2005 I drove to Wesley Chapel to continue my search for a home and a place to hold services. I returned to Lakeland and went into the sanctuary of our home church to pray.

Normally I walk and pray. When I sit down I tend to think more than pray, so I walk. On this day I heard the Lord speak to me on the inside. He said, "Sit down." I sat on the edge on the stage with my feet on the steps. A few minutes later He said, "Lay down, Let me pray for you." I laid back onto the stage, my feet still on the steps. I pictured in my mind Jesus coming up the steps and kneeling on one knee, putting one hand on my chest. Then I heard Him pray.

"Father, I pray that he would know how much we love him. And that he would comprehend the calling that is on his life. I also pray that he would understand how much of our power is available to him." That simple prayer changed my life. At the time it was special to me, but it took several years to realize the impact that it had on my life. I am still gaining insight into the words that Jesus prayed that day. Now that prayer has become my calling and affects me every day.