



## **YouthBytes.org - A Powerful Tool for Youth Workers**

YouthBytes is a simple, yet effective, tool for those who have a passion to reach the next generation. Each Episode Guide is designed to help youth leaders implement YouthBytes into any setting. From large youth services to small group meetings, our curriculum will enhance the discipleship experience at all levels. Each YouthBytes Episode Guide will provide you with the tools you need to communicate important biblical principles that will effect lasting change in the lives of the next generation.

Each YouthBytes Episode will include:

- Video summary
- Icebreaker
- Primary Lesson
- Facts, figures and illustrations used in the episode
- Key Scriptures
- Complimentary story
- Discussion Questions

We look forward to getting your feedback and comments on these Episode Guides. Additionally, please let us know of any topics you would like included in future YouthBytes lessons. As always, testimonies are welcome. Comments, ideas, and testimonies can be sent to [feedback@youthbytes.org](mailto:feedback@youthbytes.org).

# THE CAMBODIA CALL



## Video Summary

Everyone has a call of God on their lives, but this call comes opposition. Opposition is a force that tries everything in its power to see us fail or give up on God's very best for our lives. Whether it is pride, insecurity or the devil himself, God has provided a way of escape. For those of us who will choose to listen to His still, small voice, He will lead us down an avenue of hope and destiny. Join Chad and Max as they explore the city of Siem Reap and the ancient ruins of the Khmer Empire in the nation of Cambodia. Here, they begin to unlock the secrets to fulfilling the call of God on their lives. In order to see their dreams come to pass, they understand it will take more than a good compass or a clever tour guide. Enjoy this Asian adventure and discover the secrets to becoming all that God has called you to be!



## Primary Lesson – We all need help to recognize and receive the call God has placed on our lives.

Most people find themselves asking, “God, what do You want me to do? Is my life meant for something more than what I’m doing now?” As with most of us, we expect to hear a big booming voice or have an angel appear and write it in the sky. Well, this is usually not the case. Our destiny and our future can only be found in one place, and that is in Christ. Developing a relationship with Him is the beginning of discovering what you were created to do. Unfortunately, for most people, this can be a daunting task. Our past, our failures and our insecurities constantly push us off track; leaving us lost and aimlessly wandering through life. As we embark on the journey of discovering our call, we will be faced with self-examination and at times, great disappointment. But, let me encourage you. God knows exactly where you are, and He has plans to give you a hope and a future! Below are key points to be addressed as we evaluate the call of God on our lives.

- 1: Ask the youth if they have ever dreamed about their destiny? Has their heart ever skipped a beat when they think about a particular task, project, nation or culture?
- 2: Read Jeremiah 29:11 – Reiterate to the youth that God has a plan and a purpose for them.
- 3: 1 Corinthians 7:7 says, “...each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another.” Our gifts, talents and calling come from God.
- 4: Don’t compare yourself to others. God has given each one of us a specific task with a specific set of tools. Some speak, some write, some go, some give, some are artists, some are musicians. Be confident in the gifts that God has given you to carry out the call on your life.
- 5: Look at Exodus 4: 1-12 - Discuss how this encounter revealed to Moses that God would equip him for the task at hand. Just as God equipped Moses to carry out his call, God will also equip us to do the things that He has placed in our hearts.
- 6: We don’t have to be in full-time ministry to be used by God. Reinhard Bonnke says, “Use whatever sphere of influence He places you in to further His Kingdom!”  
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## Facts, Figures & Illustrations -

**Doctor Fish** - This is the name given to the *Garra rufa* species of fish. The *Garra rufa* is called the reddish log sucker. It lives and breeds in the pools of Turkish river systems and hot springs. Modernly, they have been integrated as a spa treatment, where they feed on the skin of patients with psoriasis. While the spa fish treatment has been shown to alleviate the symptoms of psoriasis, it is not meant to be a cure. The use of the fish as a spa treatment for the wider public is still widely debated on grounds of efficacy and validity, as the treatment is not shown to have either positive or negative effects.

**Khmer / Cambodian** - This is the language of the Khmer people and the official language of Cambodia. With approximately 16 million speakers, it is the second most widely spoken Austroasiatic language (after Vietnamese).

**Henri Mouhot** - Henri was a French naturalist and explorer of the mid-19th century. At the end of an exploration of Cambodia in January of 1860, he reached Angkor. He recorded this visit in his travel journals, which included 3 weeks of detailed observations. He is most remembered with introducing this lost empire to the west.

**The City of Siem Reap** – Siem Reap is an incredibly popular tourist destination. Hundreds of hotels, resorts and restaurants keep this sleepy tourist town busy 24 hours a day. This is much owed to its proximity to Angkor temples, which are the single most popular tourist attractions in Cambodia. In 2014, Siem Reap was ranked the world's fourth best city for tourists.

**Province of Siem Reap** – This province has high levels of poverty with 36.6% of the population existing below the poverty line. This is defined in Cambodian Government statistics for 2004 as families whose income was less than 45 cents per person per day.

**Cambodia** - The country of Cambodia used to be the world's fifth-largest exporter of rice and the second-biggest exporter of premium jasmine rice. Sales of milled rice abroad reached 378,856 tons.

**Rubbish Dumps** - 30 kilometers from Cambodia's world famous Angkor temples is an astounding sight tourists don't see. Tucked away from foreign eyes, Siem Reap is a community of about 500 people who live - or survive - in a rubbish dump.

**Asian Elephants** - These amazing animals eat grasses, roots, fruit and bark. They use their tusks to pull the bark from trees and dig roots out of the ground.

**Long-Tailed Macaques** - This species of monkeys is found living among the Angkor complex. Males have mustaches and cheek whiskers that frame their faces while females have longer beards, as well as, shorter cheek whiskers.



## Key Scriptures - New King James Version, unless otherwise noted

**Jeremiah 3:15:** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you....

**2 Peter 1: 10-11:** Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Proverbs 16:9:** A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

**Matthew 6: 26-27:** Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

**1 Peter 4: 10-11:** As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Zechariah 4:10:** *Who dares despise the day of small things*, since the seven eyes of the Lord that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?’



## Discussion Questions -

1. Do you recognize a call of God on your life? Does it appear small? Do you realize it can grow?
2. Everyone has been called to do something for God. What is it that you like to do? Could that interest be part of your call? Can you identify some of your natural gifts?
3. What are some practical steps that you can take to step into your future? Prayer, fasting, missions, asking questions?
4. Are you spending time with people who are doing what you want to do? Do you have the opportunity to find these people? Can you read a book by someone who is doing what you desire to do?
5. God has placed key people in your life to help see your call come to pass. Who are they? Are they willing to help you grow and go?
6. Are you allowing your present circumstances or your past failures to stop you from moving forward in faith? Do you see the failures of others as potential problems for you?
7. Can you put your past behind you, and realize that God can make all things new? Are you allowing God to heal your heart and soften your attitude?