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"When were you caught off guard by God's call?" When I read this penetrating question in *Albert Haase's THE SACRED MOMENT - Becoming Holy Right Where You Are (IVP 2010)*, my mind immediately went back to an experience in England years ago.

We were at the University of Oxford, and our church was in a higher crime area, near the city center. Sometimes homeless or marginalized-looking folks would come in to attend communion. (It was rumored to be because real wine was used, but we didn't know for sure.)

One Sunday a homeless-looking man sat beside me. After communion he turned and spoke to me, but I felt very uncomfortable and, to my shame, avoided replying to him.

Deeply embedded fear had paralyzed me from obeying God's call in that sacred moment.



Coffee/tea thought: Has fear ever caused me to avoid God's call of the moment? Am I willing for my faithful God to stretch me beyond my comfort zone?

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“你有什么时候偏离过神的旨意吗？” Albert Haase在他的书《神圣时刻——立时成圣》里问的这句话刺入我的心，我马上想起多年前在英国时遇到的一件事。

我们那时在牛津大学，而我们的教会在一个高犯罪率的区域，靠近市中心。有时一些无家可归者或打扮边缘人士会来参加擘饼聚会。（传说是因为有葡萄酒，但我们不确定。）

一个主日，有一个看起来无家可归的人坐在我旁边。擘饼之后他转过头来跟我说话，但我觉得极为不自在，并且惭愧的是，我躲开没有回答他。

惧怕使我麻痹，并阻碍我在那个神圣的时候回应神的呼召。

随想：我是否因为害怕而偏离过神的呼召？我是否愿意为我信实的神扩充自己的度量？

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