This is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name;
you are mine."

Transfiguration

God is transfiguring us
Our congregation
right before our own eyes into the people of God - disciples of Jesus

A sense of call is a powerful thing!

Peter gets transfigured as well as Jesus

Peter, falling all over himself looking for something to do,

- A voice from heaven literally interrupts him, saying (almost!),
- "Would you "be quiet" already, and just listen to him!"

The voice, The light, The heroes of the past

nothing is left except Jesus,

reaching out to him and telling him "be raised."

Six days earlier

Peter calls Jesus the Messiah

Jesus called him "the rock."

Every time Peter fails, falls, and is raised up again he is reminded - listen to Jesus.

Sometimes come up short.

Have moments of denial.

Fail and fall in fear And are raised up to go forth in confidence.

Called to listen,
Called to discern God's way in the world,
Called to partner with God and be transformed.

Can you see yourself in this story?

Can you identify with Peter?

Can you believe that you have been called to "listen to him" and to "be raised"?

Can you imagine that this story about Peter and Jesus is also about you?

You are called

This story is your story

You have a part to play in God's mission to save, bless, and care for all the world.

If this 'calling' is going to root deeply, you will need to hear God's voice for yourself.

God still speaks!

We are still called to listen (and indeed have listened!)

When we fall in fear or failure Jesus is there to reach out and pick us up again

Godspeed

"an expression of good wishes to a person starting a journey"