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FOREWORD

Bob and Esther Burroughs have been creating music for the church for decades. Their heartfelt desire for communicating the gospel with truth, clarity, and creativity has been their lives' work. In *A Call to My People*, the Great Commission is clearly and creatively imparted with a sense of urgency for today's world.

This musical is the type of presentation that can be easily prepared and performed, while offering a powerful and unforgettable message. The anthems contained are singable, yet compelling.

May your church and community be impacted by the message presented in *A Call to My People*.

Production Notes

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A Call to My People can be rehearsed and performed easily, yet powerfully. The character of Moses need not be costumed (although a costume will certainly add visual impact). The Voices, Reporters and Skeptic can wear contemporary clothing. All narration and dialog can be read and not memorized (however, if the Moses character is costumed, his monologue will be more effective if memorized). All monologues and lines are short by design to keep any memorization that might be done simple and easy, yet effective.

Cast:

Voices 1 & 2 (preferably a male and female for varied voice timbres) Moses Reporters 1, 2, 3 (males and/or females) Skeptic (male or female)

A Call to My People

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- VOICE 1: We are to be His witnesses in our world. Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."
- VOICE 2: And it is by God's power...the power of the Holy Spirit that we can and shall be His witnesses.

An old gentleman dressed in Biblical attire of a robe, sash and sandals enters.

MOSES: My name is Moses. I can tell you all about God's power in my life. And how He delivered me from many a disaster. But there's not nearly enough time to tell you everything. I will never forget the time I encountered God's power in the form of a burning bush! I was a mere shepherd, content to live my life quietly. Then, God reached out to me...to *me*, a simple man! And called me to deliver His people from Egypt. "I am slow of speech and tongue" I said to Him. But He showed me that I could indeed have the confidence and power to help accomplish His work. And so will He empower you, too.

VOICE 1: Christian hymn writer Adelaide Pollard penned the words, "Have thine own way, Lord."

MOSES:

It was when I surrendered to the Great Potter's Hand to have His way that His power was fully manifested in my life. I learned on mission, you do not go to serve, you serve as you go. And great things happened to me and through me! You can read all about it in a book called the Bible.



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Have Thine Own Way

BOB BURROUGHS









- VOICE 1: The world was troubled 2,000 years ago when Jesus came. The world is troubled today. When, Lord, will this trouble ever end?
- VOICE 2: Jesus said, "I've said these things to you so that you will have peace in me. In the world you have distress. But be encouraged! I have conquered the world."
- VOICE 1: This is the Good News we must share! How can we keep silent? How can we keep from singing?
- VOICE 2: British Missionary Hudson Taylor said, "The great commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed."
- VOICE 1: And the "greatest commandment" Jesus said, is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
- VOICE 2: We love Him because he first loved us.

VOICES 1& 2: Alleluia! Jesus loves even me.





*Child's solo, Children's choir, or Youth choir.

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- VOICE 1: Jesus loves even me! And you! That's the message! That's every believer's message! Every nation on earth should hear "Jesus loves even me...and you!"
- VOICE 2: But do we really understand that we are responsible...and accountable... to tell every nation, every person, everywhere?
- VOICE 1: Yet we Christians...we have so much. We sometimes can't get past our material world to see the awful hurt and poverty in the rest of the world. It is overwhelming if and when we do pause to even consider it.
- VOICE 2: We are citizens of the Kingdom of God. Shouldn't we begin thinking about all the people in His Kingdom and be willing to sacrifice in some way to put in action our concern for other citizens?
- VOICE 1: Before Jesus left His disciples, giving them the command to go to every nation, He told them a story about how to tell who belonged to the Kingdom...and who didn't. Listen.

When, Lord













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VOICE 2:	Christ made it clear when He said, "Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just as the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
VOICE 1:	Luke 9:23 says "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
VOICE 2:	But does that mean we all have to move to a foreign land so serve and share the message that Jesus loves us?
VOICE 1:	Important missions work is certainly happening around the world. But it is happening in our own nationand communities as well.

Three "REPORTERS" enter and speak as if sharing a "news flash." REPORTERS can be the previous VOICES if desired, or can be from the choir, or planted in the audience who stand to deliver their respective "report."

- REPORTER 1: Several local college students spent several days of their lives last summer as "summer missionaries." They worked in a nearby community sharing the Good News and helping build a new home for the homeless.
- REPORTER 2: Nineteen young adults took an "unplugged" mission trip. That's right! They went to a nearby city and denied themselves texting, social media and ate cold meals for a week. They stayed in church family homes and picked up bags of trash, invited the homeless to church, and prepared and delivered 200 boxes of baked cookies to the homeless, city employees, lifeguards, fire fighters, police, and libraries. Each cookie box had scripture quotes handwritten on it.

REPORTER 3: In one week, a church was built in Douglas, Kansas. As people gathered for worship, the term "instant church" was heard. How did this happen? A church from Columbus, Georgia, caught a vision of missions. Hearts and minds were joined as a large church helped a smaller church, as they sent workers, supplies, and money to complete the project. The pastor of the Columbus church said, "None of us will ever be the same!"

VOICE 2:

VOICE 1:

God still calls His people...and some go...some send...and some pray. That's why only some hear! How will we ever tell the world "Jesus loves even you" if only some care?

As citizens of His Kingdom, we have to make a difference. What if we became less self-centered and began living the servant lifestyle? God touched the earth when He sent Christ. As He walked with people healing and forgiving, Jesus lived what He taught. He said, "When you do unto the least of these, you do it unto me."

VOICE 2: If we begin to serve, we will also touch the earth...and change things around!



We Can Change Things Around!

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A woman or man in contemporary clothing enters and speaks directly to everyone.

SKEPTIC: Wait! Wait just a minute. Do you see what's happening here? Aren't you feeling a bit uncomfortable? I don't know...this whole thing is getting to me. You know, all this talk about missions. I've always thought God calls special people...to do special things. But that doesn't have anything to do with me. Let other people do this. I can write a check and be done with it. But if I did do something like one of those projects that were spoken of earlier...such as helping make cookie boxes or something else...how much would I have to do? How long would I have to stay? Where would I draw the line? Just Enough



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- VOICE 1: The time is now. The call is clear. We must go into all the world and share the Good News. .in whatever way we are called and however we can do so.
- VOICE 2: Large ways. Small ways. Any ways. Just reach out in God's name to tell them "Jesus loves even me., and you."
- VOICE 1: Mostly, let us live lives that are examples of God's love. Yielded and still... Christ only, always, living in us.



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- VOICE 2: Emmanuel! God is with us! We have been set free
- VOICE 1: God *is* calling us.
- VOICE 2: God is calling *us*.
- VOICES 1: Hear God's call!
- VOICES 1 & 2: Alleluia, People of God!

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A Call to My People

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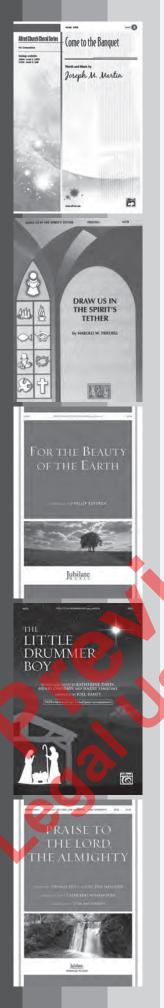






BOB BURROUGHS is known primarily in music circles as a composer and arranger of church music. He has been active in church music for 60+ years, having served as Minister of Music in both full time and part time situations, as well as serving on the music faculties of Samford University, Mercer University (Atlanta campus) and Palm Beach Atlantic University—as *Composer-in-Residence and Associate Professor of Theory and Composition*. He was, for eight years, Director of the Church Music Department, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Florida. He now lives in Greer, SC. Bob and his wife (and favorite collaborator!) Esther Burroughs have been married for over 60 years. Bob loves reading, walking, and much more – even as an eighty—something!

ESTHER BURROUGHS is Director of "*Esther Burroughs Ministries…Treasures of the Heart,*" a speaking/writing ministry. She served as National Consultant with the Evangelism Department, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, GA for 18 years. She used to speak exclusively to her favorite audience: *women's ministry events!* Her heart for God is the focus of all her teaching. She has traveled throughout the USA, Canada, Asia, Europe and Africa, and has been involved in missions throughout the world. Mrs. Burroughs is the author of five books. She is married to her composer husband, Bob Burroughs, and they have two adult children and are proud grandparents of four granddaughters and one grandson – and now, their first great-granddaughter, Helen Gray Bowling.



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