



# FAITH COMPANION



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Answer the followings questions about following God’s call.

- 1. Xan, Lucy, and Brother Andrew each must discern God’s call for their lives. What is each character called to do, and what decisions must he or she make to follow that call?

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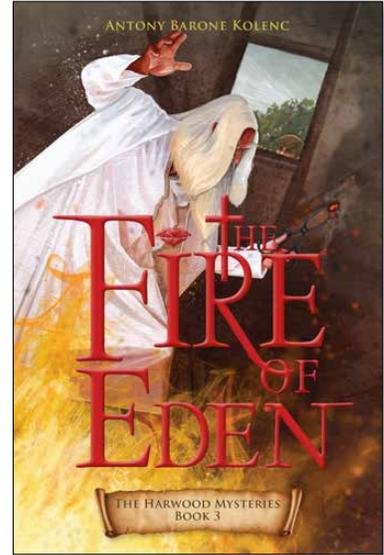
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- 2. Read each passage below to learn about how some people in the Bible responded to God’s call. Write how they responded, using the words from the Bible passage.

**Noah: Genesis 6:9–22**

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**Samuel: 1 Samuel 3:1–10**

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**Mary: Luke 1:26–38**

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**Paul: Acts of the Apostles 16:6–10**

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Consider the following quotations from *The Fire of Eden*, then answer the questions.

## Unexpected Encounters

“But could you not feel the beggar’s faith? He was no trickster or thief, but a holy man—a hermit; a prophet perhaps.”

Giles wrinkled his nose. “But he was so dirty.”

“Christ is present in the most distressed of us—even a foul beggar,” said Brother Andrew.

“Aye,” said Father Clement. “Our Lord comes to us in many humble disguises.” (page 207)

Describe a time when you encountered Jesus in an unexpected place or person. At what point did you recognize Jesus’ presence? How did the experience affect you?

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## Grow in Faith and Hope

At that moment, John looked down at his legs. “Then maybe—” Without warning, he leaped into the air. But he barely left the ground before crashing into a heap. He lay on the stone floor in disappointment, groaning in pain.

Father Andrew reached down to assist him. “Be satisfied, John. God has granted you a miraculous gift. Yet each of us is meant to have a cross we must bear in this life.” (page 212)

Think of a time when you or someone you know experienced a miraculous healing or some other answer to a prayer. Now think of a prayer request you have that God has not yet answered. What does it mean for a Christian to “be satisfied,” or content, with both outcomes?

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