

Using the Unlikely - 8/22/2021

OVERVIEW

Have you ever listened on a Sunday morning and thought, "I could never do that! God would never use me. My past is too bad, or I'm not qualified!" Sometimes we allow our past, our abilities, and our insecurities to stop us from doing what God is asking us to do. There are countless places in Scripture where God calls the unlikely, the unqualified, and He uses them in big ways. Are you willing to surrender your fears and say yes to His call for the sake of eternity?

Scriptures: Exodus 4:10-13; Judges 6:11-12; Luke 5:8-11; Colossians 1:22; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Acts 4:5-7, 12-13; Romans 10:9-10

APPLICATION

• Steve shared numerous accounts of people in Scripture who would be considered unqualified for ministry (David, Solomon, Rahab, Moses, Gideon, Mary Magdalene, etc.). Which of these stories sticks out to you, and why?

• Steve said, "God is often going to call you to do things that you don't feel like you are qualified to do." How does this statement resonate with you?

- What keeps you from believing God would want to use you for His glory and ministry?
- What is an area in your life that makes you feel unqualified for ministry?

• Steve said, "It is because of Christ, I am qualified to receive a dream or vision. It is because of Christ, I am qualified to be used by God." Are these statements easy or hard for you to believe, and why?

• NEXT STEP: This week read the following Who I Am in Christ statements every day. Ask God to help you see yourself like He sees you.

Who I Am In Christ

I am accepted in Christ...

John 1:12 - I am God's child.

John 15:15 - As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1 - I have been justified.

1 Corinthians 6:17 - I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.

1 Corinthians 12:27 - I am a member of Christ's body.

Ephesians 1:3-8 - I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.

Colossians 1:13-14 - I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

Colossians 2:9-10 - I am complete in Christ.

Hebrews 4:14-16 - I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ.

I am secure in Christ...

Romans 8:1-2 - I am free from condemnation.

Romans 8:28 - I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.

Romans 8:31-39 - I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 - I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.

Colossians 3:1-4 - I am hidden with Christ in God.

Philippians 1:6 - I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me. Philippians 3:20 - I am a citizen of heaven.

2 Timothy 1:7 - I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind.

1 John 5:18 - I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

I am significant in Christ...

John 15:5 - I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life.

John 15:16 - I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

1 Corinthians 3:16 - I am God's temple.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 - I am a minister of reconciliation for God.

Ephesians 2:6 - I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm.

Ephesians 2:10 - I am God's workmanship.

Ephesians 3:12 - I may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.