



God's Call ... Man's Excuses

Have you ever wondered if God could use someone like you? When I first became a Christian, it was overwhelming for me to think that God would allow someone like me to come into a relationship with Him. It was more than enough. But God wants us to serve Him and He's given us spiritual gifts to do so. What a privilege!

So why are we sitting on the sidelines instead of being used by God?

Practical Principles

1. God can use you. 1 Corinthians 1:27 says, "God deliberately chose those things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise, and those who are powerless to shame those who are powerful." God can use you and God will use you if you will make yourself available.
2. God is not looking for ability. He's looking for availability. God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called. So, all He needs for us to do is to say, "Here I am Lord; send me."
3. When the Lord wants to use us, we often make excuses. "God could never use someone like me." "I'm not a good speaker." "I'm not qualified." "I've made too many mistakes." But as it has been said before, "An excuse is just the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie."

Relevant Reminders

- The Lord is preparing you just as He was preparing Moses. Sometimes we go through things in life that don't make sense to us, but we need to remember that whatever we're going through, it's preparing us for something else.
- God is bigger than whatever problem you're facing right now.
- When something out of the ordinary happens, sometimes it's the Lord's way of getting our attention.

Applicable Actions

Whatever your fears are as to why God would never use you, you can dispel those right now because God is bigger than your fears, He's bigger than your problems, and He wants to use you. Maybe the devil would whisper in your ear, "No, no, I'll always have control of you. You're never going to be used by God. You're a failure." We need to answer back, "I'm not going to listen to you anymore. I'm not going to give you any more time. You're not going to have one more day where you're in control of my life because I want to do what God wants me to do."