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Sometimes we think that our leaders, the people we see worshipping at the front or speaking, we think these people are somehow special. We think that because God has given these people different gifts that they are somehow more holy or better than everyone else. Sometimes people that lead also have this view, and this can be dangerous. It's dangerous to think you are better than everyone else because you won't be on the lookout for where you might sin or fall. You might think that you are above that or past that and now you are good enough on your own because of what God has given you. Salvation is a gift of God and we must always remember that.

However, it is also dangerous to think that some people are special and gifted and that you aren't part of that group. You will think that you are somehow less worthy and not able to do certain things. The important thing is that God equips the called, he doesn't necessarily call the equipped. This means that we need to be open to where God is calling us to be. God could call you to do anything that He wants. He'll give you what you need on the way.

God wants all of us to be a part of His church and participate.

1 Corinthians 14:26 says "What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up."

So if you aren't serving in some way or another, have a look at what you could do to build others up and to build the church up. It may be that you are already encouraging people and you don't see it or you don't think your role is as important as it is, or it might be that God is calling you into something. Maybe he's leading you to get involved with worship, or children's work, or leading services, or

welcoming people. There is an almost endless list of jobs and even more roles that have no title, like being an encourager.

If we waited till we felt ready or worthy to move or act, we would never go anywhere. We would stay stuck in one position. We will never really be worthy for God to call us. God wants us to go in faith where He calls us. Now I'm not saying anyone can do anything or for you to try and be in the worship band with absolutely no musical talent, for example. We need to also be led by the natural giftings we have and be advised by wise people around us. But if you feel that God is leading you somewhere, talk to those around you, look at what God already has given you and see if God is calling you into something. It can be hard to step out into something if you feel like you're not up to it. But we must remember, in our weakness He is strong. God shows His glory by putting us in places that we wouldn't be able to cope with on our own. He has shown the world His glory by equipping us when we couldn't do it alone. He wants to show His might by working in people that look very inadequate from the outside.

Moses learnt this in Exodus. God had told him to go to Pharaoh and ask him to free the Israelites. In Exodus 3:10-12 God says "So now go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be a sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt you will worship God on this mountain."

Moses goes on to keep disbelieving God for many reasons. He needs to know God's name and what God will do if the people don't believe him and many other complaints but his last excuse is found in Exodus 4:10 "Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

God is reminding Moses here that He is in control. He is the one who gives us different giftings. He is the one who has allowed us to speak or to see or to even exist in the first place. If God has told us to go, then He will help us accomplish whatever He has asked us to do. He won't leave us alone.

The bible is full of stories of people that were inadequate, but that God used for His purposes anyway. Gideon was the least of his family and His family the least of Manessah. Jeremiah and Timothy were too young. Peter denied Christ and was often impulsive. God uses those who are unlikely to build His kingdom. These stories can be such an encouragement, so if you don't know any of the ones I've mentioned above, I encourage you to go and find them in your bibles.

We try to use all sorts of excuses to get out of what God has asked us to do, especially if it doesn't feel comfortable. We try to run away from God's purposes for our lives when it feels that we will be overwhelmed. But we need to remember we aren't alone. Let's not miss out on what God has for us.

What might God be calling you to today? He calls us to all sorts of things. For some of us that might mean leading the church in some capacity. For some of us, it might be going overseas to preach the gospel. For some of us, it might mean introducing a neighbour or a friend to Him, or for some of us it might be the scariest thing of all to do, it might mean letting go of something. Whatever it is, we shouldn't be scared that God will leave us alone. In Luke 12:11-12 it says "Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." We might not feel equipped the moment before we step into something God wants us to do, but the very hour, the very minute we need something, the Holy Spirit will equip us.

God wants us to live fulfilled in Him. He wants us to live the lives we were meant to live. He wants us to follow His instructions, even if they seem out of our reach. So let's ask God what he's calling us to and not feel scared to do it. If you're talking to someone about Him, He will give you the words. Let's show the world His glory by not being afraid to step out into His purposes.



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