

Feeling Inadequate to Serve

Exo 3:9-21

Mark 6:35-44

2 Cor 2:14-16

2 Pet 1:3

God knows his people wrestle with the issue of feeling inadequate, so He graciously teaches us how we can overcome it.

First, he tells us that we are worthy, not insignificant. Think about the countless people in the Bible who were deemed “less than:” Yet, each time, God nullifies the world’s negative impression of them.

- The world says the sinful woman is wasteful. God says she’s worshipful.
- The world says the bleeding woman is unclean. God says she is healed.
- The world says the Samaritan woman is sinful. God says she is forgiven.

God sees us, not as the world sees us, and not even as we see ourselves. He sees us through the lens of Christ Jesus. And God does not create anyone who is “less than.”

Second, if God calls us, He will equip us. You might feel unqualified at your job or unprepared to serve at your church, but rest assured, God overcomes any obstacle and equips us with everything we need.

Third, we must remember that we will never be enough, but God is always enough. Paul addresses the fact that in ministry, we are never enough, and that’s O.K. Because Scripture says Jesus leads us along because He knows we cannot go on this journey alone. We cannot accomplish all He has asked us to do without Him. We cannot endure all that He has placed in our path without His presence and His protection

Points for Discussion

1. How does God respond to the inadequacy of Moses and the boy with the fish and the loaves?
2. Which truth will you hold onto as you serve in spite of feelings of inadequacy?