

THE STORY CHAPTER 4 FROM USELESS TO USEFUL

Memory Verse:

2 Corinthians 12:9 "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"

Big Idea: Out of our weaknesses, God can do a mighty work. In our weakness, He is strong.

Discussion Questions:

1. Tell about a time you were minding your own business, going through your normal Lower Story life, and God showed up, revealed himself, or spoke to you in some surprising way.
2. How did Moses see himself and his abilities and how did God see him? Tell about a conversation you had with God that may have sounded something like the one Moses had in this passage.
3. While God saw Moses as the perfect person to face Pharaoh and speak the word of the Lord to the leader of Egypt, Moses saw himself as a political fugitive and a poor communicator who had no business facing the king. Give examples of how God can see us one way and we can see ourselves very differently. What can we do to increase our ability to see ourselves from God's perspective?
4. Tell about a time that you said yes to God and followed Him, even when you were afraid. How did God show up and lead you?

Personal Reflections

We all have our "I could never" and "I hope God never asks me to..." moments. Where are the places you tend to resist God's call? What things are you are you could never do? As you honestly reflect on these questions, place them before the Lord, one by one. Admit your fear and resistance. Ask for new courage and boldness to follow God, even when you feel that you have nothing to offer or that your past disqualifies you. Commit to follow God, as best you can, no matter what he calls you to do.

Personal Action

Part of faith is taking action. If you feel prompted by God to sing in the church choir or play an instrument on the worship team, open your schedule and start practicing.

If you feel God calling you to the mission field, surrender and commit to follow. In addition, talk to the missions leader in your church, go on a short-term mission trip, contact some mission organizations, or take some other kind of action that will help you prepare.

Surrender to the leading of the Lord, but also take action. God will do his part, but we need to do our part. God called Moses, but Moses had to head back to Egypt and stand before Pharaoh.