



## GOD COULD NEVER USE SOMEONE LIKE ME

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### 3 LIES SMART PEOPLE BELIEVE ABOUT BEING USED BY GOD:

- **I am just an ordinary person, nothing like the people I see God using in the Bible.**

*Hebrews 11 (Hall of Faith)*

*“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” – Hebrews 12:1-2*

- **There is no way God can use me because of all I have done in my past.**

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17*

- **There’s nothing unique or special about me for God to use.**

Memory Verse:

*“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” – Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)*

**The God’s Honest Truth:**

**GOD WANTS TO USE \_\_\_\_\_ LIKE ME FOR HIS  
AND HE ALWAYS HAS.**

*“For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;” – 1 Corinthians 1:26-27*

*“Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.” – Romans 12:3 (NLT)*

### 5 CHOICES TO ALLOW GOD TO USE MY UNIQUE S.H.A.P.E. FOR MINISTRY:

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_  
THAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME.

*“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” – 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)*

*“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all...” – 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

*“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...” – Romans 12:6*

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ **THE GOD-GIVEN** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” – Psalm 37:4*

*“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.” – Philippians 2:13 (NLT)*

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ **MY** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO HONOR GOD.**

*“Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful...” – Deuteronomy 8:18 (NLT)*

*“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” – Romans 12:1 (NLT)*

*“If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward.” – Luke 12:43 (NLT)*

4. I **RECOGNIZE AND** \_\_\_\_\_ **IN MY** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” – Mark 12:30*

*“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” – Ephesians 4:32*

*“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” – Galatians 5:16*

5. I \_\_\_\_\_ **MY** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO SERVE THE LORD.**

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” – Romans 8:28*

*“Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it?” – Galatians 3:4 (NLT)*

*“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.” – Genesis 50:20*

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:16*

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- Memorize Ephesians 2:10.
- Take time this week to prayerfully assess my unique S.H.A.P.E. and consider how God might want to use me.
- Volunteer to use my gifts on the following team at FBC Garden City:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Impressions      ○ Worship Team      ○ Production/Media
  - GC Kids              ○ GC Students      ○ Office Volunteer
- Pray for, attend, and invite someone to join me next weekend for the start of the *At the Cross* teaching series.

**Join Us Again Next Weekend for a New Teaching Series:**

***AT THE CROSS:***

***With The People Who Were There***