

Am I Enough?

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How often have you felt inadequate or lacking in abilities or strength in order for the Lord to use you? Remember in Joshua 1 God spoke 3 times: “Be strong and of a good courage....” (verse 6) “Only be thou strong and very courageous...” (verse 7) “Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage...” (verse 9) God was speaking these words to Joshua, the one who took over leading the million Israelites into the Promise Land after Moses died. However, these same words also apply to each one of us.

God then went on and explained to Joshua that He (God) would not fail Joshua or forsake him. He (God) would do what He (God) had promised their fathers that He (God) would do. God instructed Joshua; and because Joshua obeyed and did whatever God said to do, God **gave** the Israelites the Promise Land. God fulfilled His promise to the Israelites because Joshua did what God spoke to him to do. Was Joshua afraid at times? I think Joshua was, because Joshua was a flesh man just like we are. However, Joshua put aside his fleshly thoughts of fear and doubt and trusted God. How do I know that Joshua trusted God? I read in the Word of God that Joshua obeyed God – Joshua did **exactly** what God instructed him to do – that is how I know Joshua trusted God. ***We will only obey if we trust!***

In Jeremiah 1:5, 7, 12 God spoke to Jeremiah the prophet telling Jeremiah that he was formed, designed, and purposed by God before he was born. God knew Jeremiah would go where God sent him. God knew Jeremiah would speak what God wanted him to speak. God also told Jeremiah that He (God) would hasten His word to perform it. God knew this about Jeremiah because God put these characteristics in Jeremiah. Have you ever wondered why some people seem to more easily trust and follow leadership than others? God designed them that way. I don't know why; He just did.

I feel that today God is also desiring to hasten His word to perform it. However, He (God) needs each of us to speak the word that He (God) has placed in each of our hearts. All we are required to do is speak it; God will perform it!

On May 2, 2017, the Lord gave me the following:

“And I the Lord would say, I am a Spirit; I am looking for someone I can work through. I do not care how old you are. You are not too young for me to use.

I am a Spirit; I need someone's ears so they will hear what I am saying. I need a voice that will speak to others for me. I need feet that will go where I tell them to go. I need hands that will do what I want them to do. I need eyes that will see the people that need my love and my touch.

I need someone that will represent me on the earth. I am a Spirit; I am love. Will you permit my Spirit of love to use you? Are you willing?

It won't always be easy. Some will make fun of you. Many won't understand what you are doing because you won't act like people they have seen all their lives.

Will you allow me to use you? I'll give you power to do what I am asking you to do. I need someone who will work for me. I need someone who will let me use them so I can touch many.

I am a Spirit. I need a body to work through. People don't know I want to help them. I need someone to lay hands on the sick and pray – **I will** heal them; but they don't know that until someone lays hands on them and prays. Will you do that for me? Can I use your hands to touch them? Can I use your voice to pray? Will you let me speak to your ears?

Don't look at anyone else. I only need one or two who will allow me to use them and many will see my great work."

Are you enough? **Yes**, you are enough! You don't have to be like anyone else. You don't have to be smart. You don't have to be pretty. You don't have to be skinny. You don't have to be older or younger. **You** are enough! **But**, there is one thing that **you must be**. You must be **willing to follow and obey** what God's Spirit of Love is telling you to do. You must be obedient! He cannot use you if you are rebellious. He cannot use you if you will not follow directions. Remember Isaiah 1:19-20 reads: "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." I didn't say this; **God** did.

All God wants and needs is an obedient person to do His work. Will you be that person? Will you allow God's Spirit to direct the very steps you take? Some will and some won't. Don't worry or wonder about what others will do. The question you may have to answer someday before Our Creator is "*Why didn't you let me use you?*"

Our life on earth is short. Oh, yes, I know at times it seems like we have been here forever and will always be here. But even though we may feel that way, it is not true. There is a short poem I want to leave with you today that was written by C. T. Studd:

"Only one life, Twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last."

What will be said about you when you leave this earth? One day you will take your last breath. Don't be weighed in the judgment balance and be found wanting...regretting the life you lived.