

Get Real Part 4: Real People are Ordinary

The Big Idea: Real people aren't are ordinary, but God uses ordinary people.

Intro: The world says we have to be the 'best and brightest' to be successful, but God says we just have to be willing and faithful.

Here are three ways that God uses ordinary people.

1. Unsung people are called by God.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 – There was nothing special about the Corinthian believers, they were ordinary people, but God specifically chose them in order to prove that he doesn't need who the world thinks is great to accomplish his purposes.

- 'Sung' People do it for show – Unsung people do it for sincerity
- 'Sung' people do it for recognition – Unsung people do it for heavenly rewards
- 'Sung' people do it in their own strength – Unsung people do it trusting God.

2. Unworthy people are made worthy by Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am - (Paul)

One reason people give for not being used by God is that they don't feel 'worthy' enough. None of us are worthy, in and of ourselves, but Jesus MAKES us worthy.

Lies of unworthiness come from the voice of the accuser, self-condemnation, religious legalism, and past experiences – but we must confront the lies with the truth of the Gospel.

Through the blood of Jesus shed on the cross, we are made worthy. We are made righteous. We are made holy in the sight of God. It's not because of anything we've done or could ever do—it's because of the finished work of Christ.

When you feel like you're not good enough, remember this: it's not about you—it's about Him. So DON'T WASTE THE GRACE!

3. Unqualified people are gifted to fulfill their purpose

2 Timothy 1:6-7 – Paul tells timothy to stir up the gift that's in him and don't be timid

The BIBLE is filled with examples of unqualified people being used by God:

- Moses – had a speech impediment
- Abraham and Sarah – were too old
- Jeremiah and Timothy – were too young
- David – his own father didn't believe in him
- The Disciples – were unlearned and inexperienced
- Peter – was impulsive, stuck his foot in his mouth, and had a temper
- Paul – had a bad past and was a 'newcomer' to the Apostles

God has given you gifts (by grace) to be used in your life, so don't let fear or thoughts of insecurity and inadequacy cause you let those gifts lay dormant.