

I Doubt God Can Use Me

Sunday, October 15, 2023 Dave Michel Stepping Stones Community Church

God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would spend our lives doing the good things he had already planned for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 ERV

1. What kind of people does God use?

- Insecure people
- Unlikely people
- People who have failed

¹⁰ Then Moses said to the LORD, "But, Lord, I am telling you, I am not a good speaker. I have never been able to speak well. And that hasn't changed since you started talking to me. I am still not a good speaker. You know that I speak slowly and don't use the best words." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to him, "Who made a person's mouth? And who can make someone deaf or not able to speak? Who can make a person blind? Who can make a person able to see? I am the one. I am the LORD. ¹² So go. I will be with you when you speak. I will give you the words to say."

Exodus 4:10-12 ERV

⁶ When Jesse and his sons arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the man who the LORD has chosen." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Eliab is tall and handsome, but don't judge by things like that. God doesn't look at what people see. People judge by what is on the outside, but the LORD looks at the heart. Eliab is not the right man." **1 Samuel 16:6-7** ERV ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹ Then the Lord turned and looked into Peter's eyes. And Peter remembered what the Lord had said, "Before the rooster crows in the morning, you will say three times that you don't know me." ⁶² Then Peter went outside and cried bitterly. Luke 22:60-62 ERV

³⁸ Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...⁴¹ Then those who accepted what Peter said were baptized. On that day about 3000 people were added to the group of believers. **Acts 2:38, 41** ERV

2. Stepping out in faith and saying yes

- Start small
- Listen to the Holy Spirit

Next Steps:

Knowing that God wants to use me, I will seek God every day this week for his direction and wisdom

Commit to serve God: _____

Pray and ask God to help me overcome my doubts about serving him

Commit to fill a shoebox by November 12