

God Will Fulfill His Plan

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Sermon: God Will fulfill His Plan even through imperfect people; remember God does not call the qualified he and only he can qualify those he calls for his purpose.

- 1) I was asked a few questions before and to be honest these are questions I had myself and I know many of you also do have. The person asked me that if God did not want us to be perfect why does he want us to change? And how can you live well with God without being perfect?
- 2) My response is that God loves the underdog story. He loves broken vessels he will use for his Glory. One thing I know for sure is that God redeemed us from sin when Jesus Christ gave his life on that cross. You see he paid the price for us to leave a body of sin that is redeemed by the blood of Christ to have a spirit that is free. WE fail daily but we have been saved by the Father by **John 3:16 (Scripture 1)**: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- 3) Why does God wants us to change because he knows we are made for more: **2 Corinthians 3:18 (Scripture 2)** 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as [a]by the Spirit of the Lord.
 - **Romans 8:28 (Scripture 3)** 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. When God calls you to his purpose he did not need you to be perfect he knew that in your imperfection you had what he needed in you to make

his Glory visible to a world that does not want to believe in a powerful loving God.

- Suicidal: **1 King 19: 1-19 (Scripture 4)** 19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a [a]broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!” 5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an [b]angel touched him, and said to him, “Arise and eat.” 6 Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on [c]coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 And the [d]angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.” 8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God. 9 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 10 So he said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” 11 Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the

mountain before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire [e]a still small voice.

- Moses Could not speak; **Exodus 4:11-12 (Scripture 5)** So the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? 12 Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”
- David was young and considered too weak. **1 Samuel 17: 45-17 (Scripture 6)** 5 Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.
- And in your sin and your imperfection God forgives you and starts the story of redemption. **Luke 22: 61-62 (Scripture 7)** 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster [a]crows, you will deny Me three times.” 62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly.
- Then we meet Saul a man that hated Christians. **Acts 9 (Scripture 8)** 9 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you

persecuting Me?”⁵ And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. [a]It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” ⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.

- HE became a broken Vessel for God’s glory. Acts 9: 20
Immediately he preached [e]the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

You see the world will call you unqualified and may reject you or you may think of yourself more than God as we see Saul did and God humbled him. But we also see those who are humbled will be lifted up for God’s purpose.

- **James 4:10 (Scripture 9)** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

This takes me to the story of two sisters. One considered beautiful and the other not as much, but the word assures us that God searches hearts. He turns ashes to beauty. **Isaiah 61: 1-3 (Scripture 10)** “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,

Because the Lord has anointed Me

To preach good tidings to the poor;

He has sent Me to [a]heal the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives,

And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,

And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
3 To [b]console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

- **Genesis 29: 16-17 (Scripture 11)** 16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah had weak[a] eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful.
- **Genesis 31:31-35 (Scripture 12)** When the Lord saw that Leah was [d]unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren. 32 So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name [e]Reuben; for she said, “The Lord has surely looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me.” 33 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Because the Lord has heard that I am [f]unloved, He has therefore given me this son also.” And she called his name [g]Simeon. 34 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” Therefore his name was called [h]Levi. 35 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Now I will praise the Lord.” Therefore she called his name Judah.[i] Then she stopped bearing.

- **Hebrews 7:14 (Scripture 13)** 14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning [a]priesthood.
- **Revelation 5: 1-5 (Scripture 14)** 5 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.
4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open [a]and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and [b]to loose its seven seals."

We see here that what man rejected God used for the ultimate purpose for his glory. Don't be surprised about what God can do for you. How he ties a tapestry from your life for his glory and purpose.