

# **GOD'S UNUSUAL CHOICE OF SUBJECTS: "COMMON PEOPLE, UNCOMMON CALLING"**

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*"Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8*

## **Introduction**

When God displayed His majestic presence to Isaiah he was impacted and changed in a significant way. Isaiah displayed many of the key "markers" of one who understood the truth about God and who he was in light of God's righteousness. When God forgave him, he turned into a man that was available to God despite the obstacles. Many of the same "markers" can also be seen in the life of Paul. His Damascus Road experience truly changed his life forever. From a persecutor of Christians, he was changed into one of the pillars of the New Testament Church.

As a group, the disciples were not impressive from the world's standards. They came from a variety of backgrounds and professions. But they were all charged with an important, although challenging, task. They were charged with the responsibility of telling others about Christ. This responsibility would be mixed with great victories, life trials, and even worldly failures. Let's take a brief look at these men with a specific focus on the life of Peter.

# **THE BLESSING AND FRUIT OF SALVATION!**

*Isaiah 6 and Acts 9*

- Key markers in the process of forgiveness and redemption:
  - Clear vision of who God is in light of stated truths.
  - Uncompromising understanding of who I am in light of who God is.
  - Demonstration of grace and mercy by way of the free gift of forgiveness and salvation.
  - Motivation based upon gratitude of what God has done for me.
  - Desire to pursue the will of God: obedience and servanthood.
  - God uses man in the same process in the lives of others over and over again.

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## *Selected Scriptures*

- Christ's choice of disciples was **inferior** from the world's standards.
- Their **life** mission was uncommon and unheard of during their time.
- Their message was **controversial** and against the tide.
- Their lives were **weak** and marked by personal struggles and, at times, **failure**.
- Despite their **weakness**, Christ brought them success.
- The common thread that can be seen in all of their lives are the "**markers**" we see in the lives of all of God's people.
- Ultimately all they need contribute to their "Great Mission" was to be:
  - **Available** to God's will and purpose in their lives.
  - Humbly dependent upon their **Savior**.

*Are you available for the assignment God has delegated to your life?*

# NOTES