

## God Does Not Call the Qualified; He Qualifies the Called

Who am I? (Ex. 3:11)

Walking into the position of National Women's Director for Links Players International last August was a thrilling yet overwhelming experience. It marked the beginning of a crucial phase in establishing a solid foundation for the women's ministry.

While I didn't find the task of building this foundation daunting, I faced challenges in overcoming natural fears associated with such a role.

Would the women accept me as their leader? What if I made a wrong ministerial decision and failed? How could I unite the existing women with the newcomers in the women's fellowships? And would my relatively younger age hinder their ability to take me seriously?

These questions swirled in my mind, reminiscent of Moses when God called him to lead his people out of slavery. Moses' initial response was, "Who am I (Exodus 3:11)?" And God's reassuring answer to him was, "I will be with you."

Have you ever felt underqualified for a significant task? Has this feeling prevented you from taking that leap of faith and trusting in God despite your fears and doubts?

It's essential to put such fears and feelings into perspective.

The truth is that none of us are ultimately qualified. As Psalm 103 eloquently expresses, "The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust" (Psalm 104:13-14). Additionally, Isaiah reminds us that even our best efforts are akin to filthy rags (Isaiah 64:5).

So, what truly qualifies us, then?

Jesus is the only one who can qualify us. The Apostle Paul reminds us, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10)."

Jesus does not call the qualified; rather, he qualifies the called. Calling the unqualified has always been God's specialty. We can look to the heroes of our faith in the past—David, Solomon, Joseph, Esther, Ruth, Moses, Miriam, Deborah, Lydia, and the list goes on.

Therefore, we must continue to step out in faith, embracing the Lord's calling upon our lives and trusting him to guide us every step of the way. As the psalmist proclaims, "My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1). We may not be worthy or feel worthy, but there is only one who is truly worthy, and that is Jesus Christ, as revealed in Revelation 1:17-18.

Hence, we must step out in faith and obedience, serving the Lord's Kingdom without allowing fears and feelings to dictate our destination and his call on our lives.

As believers in Christ, we have been purchased at a price and redeemed by His shed blood. As the Apostle Paul proclaims, "He saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which has now been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Timothy 9-10).

The Lord has graciously provided you with all the necessary tools and resources for today as you fulfill your calling in the Kingdom. You have been called, and each day, you will receive the necessary equipping to carry out your purpose.

Prayer: "Lord, empower and strengthen us to walk out our Holy calling. Amen."

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