



Meet four imperfect men God used

Have you ever felt that you were too weak, too inexperienced, or too imperfect to be used by God? If so, you are not alone. Throughout scripture, God used imperfect people. He didn't call the popular, rich, or successful to further His ministry, but rather, the poor, broken, and faithful. It didn't matter where people were from, what they had done, or who they used to be; Jesus used people from all walks of life to do His will. Here are some examples of imperfect men that were used for the greatness of His glory.

Abraham. The one who would be known as the father of the faithful, Abraham's life was far from perfect. We often highlight Abraham's faith that God would give him a child, but Abraham was not perfect in keeping the faith.

At one point, he and his wife, Sarah, would doubt God and try to fulfill the promise themselves by having a child through the woman Hagar (Genesis 16:3-6). Despite this, God stayed faithful and gave Abraham and Sarah Isaac, who would then later after many generations result into the nation of Israel.

Samson. Of all the men that God would use in the Old Testament, there was probably no one more hard-headed and arrogant than Samson. But even with that, God would give him supernatural strength.

The judge would later fall because of his sinfulness and lust towards Delilah (Judges 16:20-22), but ultimately God would bring His purposes to pass through Samson.

Moses. Moses was a prince of Egypt, but he was also a coward and a murderer. After having killed an Egyptian (Exodus 2:12), he fled to Midia only to be called by God in the form of a burning bush.

Moses also had speech problems or at least the lack of confidence to speak publicly, but God gave him Aaron so that He would fulfill God's purposes by freeing the people of Israel and leading them to the promised land.

Peter. Peter wasn't always bold, but he was always impulsive and often acted before thinking.

As Jesus was being tried, Peter denied his Master three times. But he would later be restored by Jesus back into ministry and would be filled with the Holy Spirit, becoming an apostle of the church who did mighty miracles and preached powerfully in public.

Being a man of God does not mean that we are perfect. It means that we place our trust in God and strive to follow His will in all things, even if we do not understand or if our situation looks hopeless. Yes, it also means that we must confess our sins and repent of them (1 John 1:9) but let us not be deceived into thinking that God can only use perfect people. The "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) is full of imperfect people who trusted in a perfect and holy God. Let us strive to be as them, and run the race set before us.