

June Development Guide

SUBJECT: QUALIFIED BY GOD



Value: Take Faith Risks

Our faith in God acts boldly and fearlessly in the midst of life's impossibilities. It does whatever it takes to reach and rescue people because faith works through love.

Key Verse:

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) – *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Our culture today is constantly highlighting our feelings and making a generation buy into the lie that you are how you feel. We were not designed by God to be led by our feelings but by faith in His Word. Your flesh is always in constant opposition with the will of God for your life.

Matthew 26:41 (NIV) – *Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

All throughout Scripture we see many individuals God used in a mighty way who had to press past their feelings. In the Old Testament, we see Moses. God encountered Moses through a burning bush and gave him an assignment that Moses wasn't so sure he was ready for.

Exodus 3:10-11 (NIV) – *God said, "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"*

When God said to Moses, "Go," Moses's first response was one of doubt in who he was and what he could do. Moses even went a step further and pointed out his flaws to God.

Exodus 4:10 (NIV) – *Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."*

How many of us can identify with Moses, pointing out our flaws and list of reasons why we aren't the one for the job? What we often forget is that God—the One who knit us together in our mothers' wombs, who formed every facet of our beings and who knows every hair on our heads—knew us flaws and all when He called us to the assignment.

June Development Guide

SUBJECT: QUALIFIED BY GOD



Another example we see in Scripture of someone feeling unqualified for the task at hand is Jonah. When God called Jonah, He told him to go to the city of Nineveh and preach repentance to the people there.

Jonah 1:1-3 (NIV) – *The word of the Lord came to Jonah's son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.*

How many of us have turned and walked in the opposite direction of where God was leading us because we chose to yield to our feelings instead of stepping out in faith?

2 Corinthians 12:9 – *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

Whenever we feel unqualified, weak, or that we just don't have what it takes, we can be encouraged that it is in this moment we are perfectly positioned for the power of God to rest mightily upon us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is my biggest takeaway from this teaching?
- What is an area I feel unqualified in?
- What scriptures can I apply to this area and replace the lie of my feelings?
- What does taking a Faith Risk look like in that area of my life?
- Ask yourself: **Who** is on the other side of me saying, "Here I am God, use me"?

God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

CHALLENGE:

Decide to step out in faith and WATCH what God will do in and through you. Delayed obedience is disobedience. We are called to walk in obedience to our Heavenly Father despite what we may feel, think, or see.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV) – *for we walk by faith, not by sight.*