

appnotes

DAY READ PSALM 9:1-20

1

Are you even attempting anything worthwhile if you're not in over your head every once in awhile? We all hit seasons when we feel overwhelmed. Even though King David was a talented warrior, leader, and musician he often felt overwhelmed. We get a glimpse into David's inner world from the many Psalms (songs) he wrote throughout his lifetime (he wrote at least 74). David wrote today's Psalm as he reflected on a time of fear and uncertainty. David was feeling all kinds of pressure, hostility, and even persecution. In the end David discovered that God was the one place he could go for peace. God has a way of working things out when we walk closely with Him.

DAY READ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

2

Have you ever been hesitant to say yes to a new opportunity? The unknown races through your mind and anxiety settles in your stomach. There are times when turning down the opportunity makes sense. Like when its not the right time, is not the right fit, and God confirms the "no" in our hearts. But there are poor reasons for turning down something new too. The Apostle Paul reminds Christians in today's passage that it never makes sense to say, "I can't because I'm not _____ enough." God doesn't accept our objections ("I'm not smart/young/talented enough"). Why? Because God specializes in taking the overlooked, timid, and unequipped and accomplishing His best through their weaknesses. God often does His greatest work through the most unlikely people.

DAY READ PSALM 23:1-6

3

The last thing that God desires is for us to be distant from Him. God works for us to have a strong, personal relationship with Him. In Psalm 23, David uses the dynamic, caring relationship between a shepherd and his sheep to give us a picture of how God works in our lives. He shows us that God gives us what we need, when we need it. That God is quick to restore us when we fail. He leads us through dark times with guidance, comfort, and correction (when needed). God will pursue us with His love every second of our lives. And did you notice the part we play? We are the sheep in need of a shepherd. Only those willing to admit their weakness can be filled with His strength.

DAY READ EXODUS 3:1-14

4

We often keep a mental list of our limitations. Moses certainly had his list. Like David, he was just a shepherd tending sheep when God called him to step up. You might be surprised to learn that Moses was around eighty years old (starting something new is a young man's game!). He didn't feel particularly qualified to lead or speak in front of a group. Yet God had specifically chosen Moses for an incredible task. None of our limitations can stop a limitless God. God is not looking for experts; He is looking for willing hearts. When God enlarges your platform it is so that you can point more people to Him.

DAY READ MARK 6:30-44

5

Have you ever caught yourself saying, "Someone has got to do something"? That's where the disciples found themselves one evening after Jesus had taught thousands. The disciples knew the crowd would be getting hungry soon and came up with a plan to have them sent away to find food. But Jesus turned to them and said, "You give them something to eat." The disciples were dumbfounded. They didn't think they had the resources to do what Jesus was telling them to do. It would have cost more than half a year's wages to buy dinner for so many! The disciples brought Jesus what they had and in His hands it turned into more than enough. What circumstance has you saying, "This has to change"? Is it possible that that Jesus is telling you to do something about it? What could He do if you would put whatever you have into His hands?

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