

Center UMC/September 4, 2011/Psalm 27:5-11/Jeremiah 13:1-7/Acts 8:26-35
The Person God Can Use : The Person Available To The Spirit of God
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God will choose _____ .

Abraham: The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. Genesis 12:1," "...there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt...because the famine was severe. As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. When the Egyptians see you...they will kill me but will let you live. Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you." (Genesis 12:10-13) This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: `Long ago your forefathers, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River and worshiped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the River... (Joshua 24:2-3)."

Moses: ...after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Glancing... and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. (Exodus 2:11-12). 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?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, `The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, `What is His name?' "Exodus 3:10-13

David: the LORD has sought out a man after His own heart and appointed him leader of His people...(I Samuel 13:14) ...David sent messengers to get her... and he slept with her...The woman...sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant." So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the husband of Bathsheba, and Joab sent him to David...Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house...Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him...Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him... (II Samuel 11:4-15 sel.)

In the cases of Abraham, Moses and David, the key was _____ **not qualification or credentials.**

Knowing the voice of God, means _____ .

- John 10:3-4: The watchman opens the gate for Him, and the sheep listen to His voice. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. When He has brought out all His own, He goes on ahead of them, and His sheep follow Him because they know His voice.
- John 10:27: My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.
- John 11:43: When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"
- Acts 9:4-5: He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," He replied.
- II Peter 1:16-18: We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain.

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The person God can use has these things in common:

When God called Abraham, _____ .

When God called Moses, _____ .

When God called David, _____ .

God has called you, what will you do?

The available person's success is obedience.