

SHOW ME YOUR WAYS

PSALM 25:4-5

God Uses Flawed & Broken People

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV) “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Point #1 - God only uses **MESSED UP** people because that’s the only kind of people there are!

Philippians 3:4-8 (NIV) ...though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ...

Point #2 - God only uses **RIGHTEOUS** people! *BUT* our righteousness is based on **WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST**, *NOT* our actions!

Philippians 3:9 (NIV) ...and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ---the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith---and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Point #3 - God gets the glory when the **SHINIEST OBJECT** in the room is Him

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV) 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. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.