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GOD CAN'T USE YOU?

Oh, I see! You're a sinner—a real *bad* sinner! If people only knew! And God does! So. . .

Yes, God *does* know. Scripture says, “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8, NKJV). Paul holds this fact out to us as evidence that it “demonstrates His own love toward us.”

But can God *use* a person who is short of perfect? One who loses his temper? Who gets real depressed? Who stutters when he tries to witness? One who. . .

Yes. And you're in good company, as a contributor to E-mail wisdom points out.

Moses stuttered.

David's armor didn't fit.

John Mark was rejected by Paul.

Hosea's wife was a prostitute.

Amos' only training was in the school of fig-tree pruning.

Jacob was a liar.

David had an affair.

Solomon was too rich.

Abraham was too old.

David was too young.

Timothy had ulcers.

Peter was afraid of death.

Lazarus was dead.

John was self-righteous.

Naomi was a widow.

Paul was a murderer.

So was Moses.

Jonah ran from God.

Miriam was a gossip.

Gideon and Thomas both doubted.

Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal.

Elijah was burned out.

John the Baptist was a loud-mouth.

Martha was a worrywart.

Mary was lazy.

Samson had long hair.
Noah got drunk.
Moses had a short fuse.
So did Peter and Paul and . . .
You?

God doesn't require a job interview. He doesn't hire and fire like most bosses because He's more like a dad than a boss. He doesn't evaluate our financial status before calling us to service (Remember, His Son was poor). He's neither prejudiced nor partial, judging nor grudging, sassy nor brassy. Neither is He deaf to our cry or blind to our need.

Satan says, "You're not worthy."

Jesus says, "So what? I am!"
Satan looks back and sees our mistakes.

God looks back and sees the Cross.

Yes, there are lots of reasons why God shouldn't want us. But if we're in love with Him, if we hunger for Him more than for our next breath, He'll use us in spite of who we are, where we've been, or what we look like.

And He doesn't stutter when He tells us He love us and calls us to service.

God *can* use you! □

AN OVERWHELMING RECORD

Allen Gardner was a missionary in Argentina. He endured many privations. His body was found next to an overturned boat. Beside it, where it had fallen from his hand, was his diary. It told of the suffering, the loneliness, the hunger, the wounds. The last words he had recorded were these: "I am overwhelmed with a sense of the goodness of God."