

## God's Choice Pt7

### *Unexpected Choices Pt1*

#### EXODUS 3:10-12a

10. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12a. And he said, Certainly I will be with thee;

#### EXODUS 4:10-12

10. And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

11. And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?

12. Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

#### PERFECT STRENGTH BY PERFECT WEAKNESS [61-1119]

Now, you compare yours with his and see if you can come up with that, see if you can get as weak as he was.

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All your weaknesses wouldn't match Moses.

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But the very thing that we make excuses by our weaknesses, God uses that very thing to tackle the job with. See? He waits for us to get to that condition so that He can use us.

#### WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR HAND? [55-1120]

...God told him, said, *"I've seen the affliction of My people. I've heard their groans and moans, and I'm come down to deliver them. And I want you (the one that made a failure forty years ago), I want you to go right back and backtrack yourself."*

#### ACTS 1:21-22

21. Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22. Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

### ACTS 1:26

26. *And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.*

### HEBREWS CHAPTER SIX PT2 [57-0908E]

When they selected a man to take Judas' place, **they got the wrong man**. They got a gentleman, Matthias, a great scribe, a scholar, a diplomat. They said, "He'll just take the real place. Boy, he looks like a real man." **But it wasn't God's choice.**

### ACTS 8:3

3. *As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.*

### ACTS 9:13-15

13. *Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:*

14. *And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.*

15. *But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is **a chosen vessel** unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:*

### FROM THAT TIME [60-0716]

When Paul got converted, perhaps the church said, "Oh, look what we got now. We got this great big Paul. We know that that man set under Gamaliel; he's one of the greatest teachers in the land. And he's a Pharisee; he's... Oh, he's a great man. We'll put him up at Jerusalem, and we'll make him the head of the church up there. And we'll take Peter... 'Course the one that's got the keys; he's ignorant. He can't (The Bible said he was a ignorant and unlearned.)... And he's got the keys, so we'll just send him out to the poor dumb Gentiles. That's--that's the one we'll send him too. Because he does a lot of miracles, but this great intellectual man; we'll bring up here at this intellectual crowd."

Huh, the Holy Ghost sent Paul out to the dumb ones, and made him forget all he ever knowed, and took Peter (the dumb one) and sent him up to the educated ones. What was the matter? They met God, and from that time on the intellectuals didn't count. That's right. From that time on, the record was changed. **How God does things just contrary to man's thinking.**

#### PERFECT STRENGTH BY PERFECT WEAKNESS [61-1119]

...one of the important things that we must master... Now, remember this, and especially you young preachers, and lay members alike. There's one thing that we've got to master if we expect to fulfill God's desire in our life; that is, we have to master the thought of **human ability**. If we ever get to a spot where we think that we can do it with our own intelligence and our own abilities, we've got to master that in such a way that we can get rid of the thing and lay it aside so that God can use us.

#### PERFECT STRENGTH BY PERFECT WEAKNESS [61-1119]

...we got to get away from that, that **human ability**. We got to get to a place where we can surrender our souls and lives, even to the housewife, to the farmer, to the mechanic, or whoever we are, we got to surrender completely to God and know that "**we are nothing**." Then let God start from there. Then He starts moving, working. And that includes all of us, everyone. That's the--the thing that we got to do.

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We've got to get ourselves and our abilities out of the way and surrender to the will and power of God.

Say, "Well, brother, I can preach." He can't use that as long as you can preach. "That's all right. I can do this. I can do that." **You can't do nothing**. Well, then God can't use it. But if you'll yield yourself to God and let Him do it...

You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I know. I'm a teacher." Well, as long as you're the teacher, why, He won't get very far.

PERFECT STRENGTH BY PERFECT WEAKNESS [61-1119] So as long as we're trying in ourselves and depending on our own abilities, and so forth, why, we'll do nothing. **But when we get to a place where we know we're nothing, then God can use us.**

#### **I CORINTHIANS 2:1-5**

1. *And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.*
2. *For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*
3. *And I was with you in **weakness**, and in **fear**, and in much **trembling**.*
4. *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**:*
5. *That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

#### PERFECT STRENGTH BY PERFECT WEAKNESS [61-1119]

...**God's strategy is to take empty human vessels and shake the world with them...**