



# Equipping the Called

Moses was an 80-year-old man with only “ex-prince” and “shepherd” listed on his resume. But as God is prone to do, he selects men from nowhere, without credentials or experience, to make sure people know who is really behind the victories. He did it with a stammering Moses, and we’ll see him do it over and over: with Joshua, with a reluctant Gideon, with a depressed Elijah, with a shepherd boy named David, with a scaredy-cat named Jonah, with a small-town carpenter from Nazareth, and with fishermen and tax collectors from Galilee.

You may be in the same boat and be thinking, my spiritual resume is bland. How am I supposed to lead my family? Where are the Cliffs Notes on how to be a parent? How am I supposed to step up to the plate?

Over and over, God demonstrates throughout Scripture that he doesn’t hire a headhunter and conduct an executive search for people with advanced degrees, Masters of the Universe, or titans of business. God looks not at the resume but at the heart; not at the accomplishments, but at the potential.

And he does it backward for a reason: God equips the called so that each step we take, we take because of faith in him, not because we have accurately war-gamed each scenario. God equips the called every day. We need to hear from him – we need new manna to survive, because discipleship is a moment-by-moment decision. God equips the called because a heart is transformed when confronted with a summons to true greatness. God equips the called because, as Revelation puts it, our identity has changed:

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it (Revelation 2:17 ESV).

If you haven’t gotten it all figured out yet, if you’re still searching for the owner’s manual, if you don’t feel equipped for tomorrow, much less the entire journey, then God’s got you right where he wants you. The challenge: “Embrace your cluelessness” – because one step at a time, one meeting at a time, one problem at a time, one miracle at a time ... God will equip those He calls – and He has called you.

## **Reflection:**

1. Can you recall a time when you undertook something for which you were totally unequipped?
2. In what area of life do you need to be equipped?
3. What do you need to do today to be available for God to equip?