

Obstacles In Following God's Call

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1. Moses: Self-Doubt and Insecurity

- *Scripture:* Exodus 3-4
- *Obstacle:* Moses doubted his ability to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. He felt inadequate and questioned why God would choose him.
- *Lesson:* God equips those He calls. It's not about our strength but His. When we feel inadequate, we can rely on God's power and provision.

2. Jonah: Running from God's Call

- *Scripture:* Book of Jonah
- *Obstacle:* Jonah ran away from God's call to prophesy to Nineveh. He was afraid and didn't want to deliver God's message.
- *Lesson:* We can't run from God's purpose for our lives. Even when we try to escape, God's grace and mercy can redirect us back to His plan.

3. Jeremiah: Youth and Inexperience

- *Scripture:* Jeremiah 1:4-10
- *Obstacle:* Jeremiah felt he was too young and inexperienced to be a prophet.
- *Lesson:* God can use anyone, regardless of age or experience. He sees potential in us that we might not see in ourselves.

4. Esther: Fear of People

- *Scripture:* Book of Esther
- *Obstacle:* Esther was afraid to approach the king uninvited, which could result in her death. However, she had to do so to save her people.
- *Lesson:* Sometimes, following God's call means taking risks. We must trust that God is in control and will see us through.

5. Paul: Past Mistakes

- *Scripture:* Acts 9, Philippians 3:4-14
- *Obstacle:* Before his conversion, Paul (then Saul) persecuted Christians. He had a past filled with mistakes.
- *Lesson:* Our past doesn't define our future in Christ. God can redeem and use anyone for His glory.

6. Gideon: Limited Resources and Lack of Faith

- *Scripture:* Judges 6-7
- *Obstacle:* Gideon questioned his ability to save Israel from the Midianites due to his clan's weakness and his low status.
- *Lesson:* God often chooses the weak and the least to showcase His power. It's not about our resources but our reliance on God.

Now it's your turn ...

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- *Scripture:* _____
- *Obstacle:* _____
- *Lesson:* _____