

**SERMON SERIES:** 52

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## **Sermon Title:**

“Can God Use Me For Big Things?”

## **Introduction**

This past week, we took a look at the question “Is life random?” We focused on God’s plans for our life, and how God can work in us and through us if we trust Him to do so. This week we are asking the question “Can God use me for big things?” God’s word has story after story of how God uses unexpected people at unexpected times. This week, we are going to shift our focus to how we see ourselves versus how God sees us.

- When was the last time you felt unqualified or inadequate for a task?

## **Seek the Word**

- Read Luke 1:26-38. What concerns do you think Mary may have had about this calling?
- Read Isaiah 9:1-7. What descriptions of Jesus are found in this prophecy?
- Read Colossians 1:15-17 and Hebrews 1:3. What do these verses say about the eternal Christ?
- What do these passages tell us about how God values His people?

## **Go Deeper**

Look through both the Old and New Testaments, compiling a list of different stories & passages talking about people God uses for different things. Try to include people you do not know much about. Pick someone on the list you are not as familiar with and do a short study on how God used them.

## **Talk About It**

- Who are the heroes in your life that led you to a place where you could believe? (Family, friends, mentors, etc.)
- If you were Mary, what would be your greatest concerns about accepting God’s call? What concerns do you have about your own calling?
- What is God calling you to do with your life to bring Him glory?
- What are the obstacles keeping you from your next step in fulfilling God’s plan for you?

## **Wrap Up**

*Reminder:* While we think we are lacking, God sees us as enough.

*Challenge:* Write a brief description (three sentences) of what you perceive God wants to do with your life over the next three to five years. Now list three action steps you need to take this year to move toward that goal.