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God uses simple people

"for you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called." 1 cor 1:26

i don't know about you, but that makes me feel qualified. there's certainly nothing spectacular about me or my life.

i have often heard it said that the office makes the man - as in the presidency. (personally i don't think that's necessarily true in this case.) but i do know this: the anointing makes the person. scripture tells us that the yoke is broke because of the anointing.

i have seen some of the most gifted people, when under the anointing, make some of the stupidest mistakes when they stepped out of the it. some may call it simply sin as we still all have a sin nature. the truth is, "'not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts.

along that same vein He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." john 15:5 so the question remains, what in the world do we have to glory in? one might quickly say, "obedience, at least." but looking back over my life at that response, i have noticed some of the most fruitful acts were done as if by accident, with not much thought given to word or deed.

God uses us because we love Him and let Him; sometimes even in spite of us. we place our meager life into His hands for His purpose. the apostle paul was certainly a brilliant and learned man, but what did he say? "if i must boast, i will boast of the things that [show] my infirmity [of the things by which i am made weak and contemptible in the eyes of my opponents]." 2 cor 11:30 ampc why? that the excellency of the power may be of God. self has nothing to boast of. God is all and all is God.

so yes, it's the simply that are qualified the most. that makes us all qualified. "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." james 4:6 grace is all we need to fulfill God's purpose in us.

i know many of us spend way too much time trying to figure out our purpose and end up doing nothing at all. we surmise it might be lofty or note worthy when it might be closer than you think. i hear that great writers write about what they know. your purpose may well be found in those closest to you.

i know family and friends may often be the hardest ones to witness to, but that is often our primer for something else. the thing to remember though, conviction is the job of the Holy Spirit. condemnation is the job of the devil. grace is the job of God. ours is the job of hope; a hope that maketh not ashamed.

we live in an everlasting state of hope. "this hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast,

and which enters the Presence behind the veil." heb  
6:19 it enters that place we all long to be.

so call me silly, call me stubborn, call me simple.  
but also call me used. a frequent prayer of mine is,  
"use me God. use me up." i have a hope that surpasses  
the reality of this world; a hope that emerged as a  
spring but has become an ocean i am occasionally graced  
to swim in. let God use you today for His purpose.