

CITY ALLIANCE

CHURCH

Summary

The sermon focuses on how God uses flawed, unexpected heroes to accomplish His purposes, drawing from Judges chapter 3. Through the stories of Othniel and Ehud, we see that God doesn't require perfect people, but rather those who are faithful and willing to say 'yes' to His calling. The sermon emphasizes that what the world sees as weaknesses or defects, God can use as strengths for His glory.

Intro Prayer

Lord, as we gather to discuss Your Word, open our hearts to understand how You can use each of us despite our flaws and weaknesses. Help us to see ourselves as You see us - not as broken vessels, but as instruments perfectly designed for Your purposes. Guide our discussion and reveal Your truth to us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

Who is your favorite superhero and why? What makes them relatable despite their powers?

Key Verses

- Judges 3:10
- Judges 3:15
- Jeremiah 1:5
- John 9:3

Questions

- When was a time you thought 'someone should do something about this' but hesitated to act yourself?
- How do you typically respond when God calls you to step out of your comfort zone?
- What perceived weakness or flaw in your life might God want to use for His purposes?
- How does Othniel's story of quiet faithfulness challenge or encourage you?
- In what ways can you relate to Ehud's story of being an 'outsider'?
- What does it mean to give God your 'quiet yes'?
- How does the world's definition of a hero differ from God's?
- What area of your life is God asking you to surrender to Him right now?

Life Application

This week, identify one area where you've been hesitating to say 'yes' to God because of perceived inadequacies. Take one small step of faithful obedience in that area, trusting that God can use your weaknesses for His purposes.

Key Takeaways

- God often uses flawed, unexpected people to accomplish His purposes
- What the world sees as weakness, God can use as strength
- You don't need to be perfect to be used by God - you just need to be willing
- Faithful obedience matters more than natural ability or qualifications

Ending Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us through Your Word that You use imperfect people to accomplish Your perfect will. Give us the courage to say 'yes' to Your calling, even when we feel inadequate. Help us to trust that You can use our weaknesses as strengths in Your kingdom. Use us, Lord, just as we are, for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.