

Doubting God - Part 3: Facing Your Insecurities

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." - Ephesians 2:10 [NLT]

poietema: a creation with a designated purpose, workmanship, a masterpiece.

1. God uses the _____ - 1 Samuel 16:6-13

1 Samuel 16:6-7 [NIV]—"When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

- God is looking for qualities that people overlook
- God loves to use those who are overlooked by others.
- God specializes in using the unlikely to accomplish the impossible.

2. God uses the _____ - Judges 6:11-40

Judges 6:15 [NIV]—"Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

- One of the greatest tools the enemy uses to attack you is your self-worth.
- If God didn't want to use you, the devil wouldn't be trying so hard to stop you!
- Gideon asked for sign after sign after sign.

If your eyes are constantly on yourself, no amount of personal affirmation will be enough. Get your eyes on God's _____.
It's not about you, it's about God working in you!

3. God uses _____ - Acts 8:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:9-10

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 [NIV]—"For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."

God uses people who fail because there aren't any other kind of people around.

I Am God's Masterpiece

I am God's masterpiece—His exquisitely crafted, fearfully and wonderfully made workmanship—designed to accomplish His purposes that He has prepared for me to do.

I am a vessel of honor. I cleanse myself of sin to be sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

It's not me, but Christ who works in me. Without Him, I can do nothing of eternal value. I rely on His power working in me, giving the glory to God and not taking the credit for myself.

I serve God and others, seeking His righteousness and His kingdom instead of myself and what I want.

I am filled with Christ's compassion, carrying His heart and desire to see all people saved from sin and to know and follow Jesus.

I am intimately cared for by God. My value comes not from what I do, but from who I am—a child of the Most High King bought with the most precious thing in the universe, the life of God's Son. God gives me my value.

I am a humble, empowered, victorious, valued kingdom builder who is incredibly loved by my Father.

I am mightily used of God.

Scriptural Foundation

Ephesians 2:10 [NLT]—"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Psalms 139:13-18 [AMP]—"For You formed my innermost parts; You knit me [together] in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will give thanks and praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was being formed in secret, And intricately and skillfully formed [as if embroidered with many colors] in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were appointed for me, When as yet there was not one of them [even taking shape]. ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I could count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You."

2 Timothy 2:21 [NKJV]—"Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work."

Colossians 1:29 [Weymouth New Testament]—"To this end, like an earnest wrestler, I exert all my strength in reliance upon the power of Him who is mightily at work within me."

John 15:5 [NIV]—"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Matthew 6:13 [NKJV]—"And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

1 Samuel 12:20b [NKJV]—"... serve the Lord with all your heart."

Matthew 23:11 [NIV]—"The greatest among you will be your servant."

Matthew 6:33 [NKJV]—"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Colossians 3:12 [NASB]—"So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience;"

Luke 19:10 [NKJV]—"for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 12:7 [NKJV]—"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."

Romans 8:15-17 [NKJV]—"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'" ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."

1 Corinthians 6:20 [NKJV]—"For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

2 Corinthians 2:14 [NKJV]—"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."

Romans 5:8 [NKJV]—"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."