



(UN)QUALIFIED

HOW GOD USES BROKEN PEOPLE
TO DO BIG THINGS



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WELCOME

So you feel unqualified too, huh?

Forgive us for taking the liberty of assuming that. But it's a pretty common feeling. It affects almost anyone who has a desire to step out and do anything for God.

The Enemy can't defeat us, so he'll do everything he can to keep us from trying. If we accept the notion that we can't do it, or that God can't use us, we settle.

But you want something more. You want to do big things for God. That's why you picked up this study.

This study won't take away the feeling of being unqualified, but it will help you discover where that feeling comes from and how you can push through it.

We've built the next four weeks on repeating a few actions that, for the sake of simplicity, start with the letter "R":

Read. This is a given. Read the book. Read the Scriptures in each session.

Reflect. Answer the questions in each session. It's the only way to uncover the things that are holding you back.

Respond. Self-discovery is only helpful if you're willing to do something with it. Take each activity seriously and you'll get the most out of this study.

Then, to tie it all together, there will be three sentences designed to help you personalize the topic of each session. Be real with yourself. Use these as a chance to push yourself to grow. And if you're feeling bold, post it to social media with the hashtag: #iamunqualified.

We're excited to be on this journey with you. You may be unqualified, but that may also be the key to unlocking your calling.





WEEK 1

THE THIRD WORD



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"I am ____."

It seems easy enough to complete this sentence. That's where your name goes, right? The first two words are just there to set up that statement.

"I am Steven."

Or Ezra. Or Christina. Or whatever your name happens to be.

What if the third word, our name, isn't the sole focus of that sentence?

The words, "I AM," are the words God used in Exodus 3 when Moses asked Him what His name was.

After giving Moses the unenviable assignment of becoming the leader of God's people, Moses wanted to know how to explain himself to Israel. God replied, "This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

It turns out, God's name doesn't need a third word, because God is everything and everyone and everywhere that he needs to be in every moment.

You and I need third words, though. We need to finish the "I am" sentence, and we do it all the time whether we realize it or not.

Unfortunately, many times we fill in the blanks with our insufficiencies and limitations, while overlooking one very important question:

What are God's third words for me?

We are created in God's image and called to live for a specific purpose, but we cannot get there without first getting to know the Great "I AM" and allowing Him to define the third words that shape our identities.

READ

Chapters 1-5 of *(Un)Qualified*.

REFLECT

"God knows everything about you—including the ugly parts, the broken parts, and the dysfunctional parts—yet he still believes in you."

List as many, "I am _____," sentences as possible for each of these categories. Write anything that comes to mind, good or bad.

For examples of each category, read pages 45-46 of *(Un)Qualified*.

Personality:

Character:

Conditions/Circumstances:

Ability:

Emotions:

Physical Traits:

Education:

Family:

Ethnicity/Culture:

Sexuality:

Occupation:

Spirituality:

RESPOND

- Circle three statements you believe have held you back.
- Highlight three statements you believe help you the most.

READ

PSALM 139 (NLT)

O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
²You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
³You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.
⁴You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.
⁵You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!

⁷ I can never escape from your Spirit!
I can never get away from your presence!
⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there;
if I go down to the grave, you are there.
⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning,
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
and your strength will support me.
¹¹ I could ask the darkness to hide me
and the light around me to become night—
¹² but even in darkness I cannot hide from you.
To you the night shines as bright as day.
Darkness and light are the same to you.

¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.
¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.
¹⁶ You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in your book.
Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.

¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!
¹⁸ I can't even count them;
they outnumber the grains of sand!
And when I wake up,
you are still with me!

¹⁹ O God, if only you would destroy the wicked!
Get out of my life, you murderers!
²⁰ They blaspheme you;
your enemies misuse your name.
²¹ O Lord, shouldn't I hate those who hate you?
Shouldn't I despise those who oppose you?
²² Yes, I hate them with total hatred,
for your enemies are my enemies

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

REFLECT

"God wants to give us a revelation of who we are. He wants to show us our value now, and he wants to open our eyes to who we can become in Him."

Some of the third words we use to describe ourselves don't line up with who God says we are in Him. Select a few of the "I am ____" statements you wrote on pages 5-6 that may conflict with who God says you are. Write them below.

God wants to give you His name in your situation, in your weakness, and in your need. But you have to take it. Re-write each of the "I am ____" statements above based who God is and who He says you are.

For help with this activity, read the section "WDJSAM" on pages 72-77 in Chapter 5.

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You are uniquely (Un)Qualified for the calling God has placed on your life. And that's the point. God wants to use you right where you are and He wants to lead you into a

greater sense of purpose and identity.

After reading chapters 1-5 of (Un)Qualified and completing this week's activities, write your own sentences using the following as a guide:

"I am...

"But, I know God is...

"In Him, I believe I can be...

Post:

Take a picture of a passage from this section that really helped you and post it to social media with the hashtag: #iamunqualified. Use the sentences above as your caption.



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