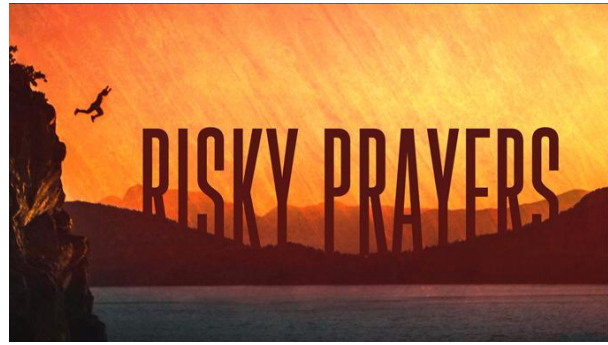


**"Use Me"**  
October 29, 2017



## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

1 Samuel 3:1-10, Matthew 4:18-22,  
Joshua 1:1-18, Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 18:18-30

### DAY 1

**Read [1 Samuel 3:1-10](#)**

- **Why was it so hard for Samuel to know God was calling him?**
- **What was Samuel's response when he learned the truth?**
- **In what ways are you allowing yourself to be open to God's call in your life to do something on God's behalf? What is holding you back?**

### DAY 2

**Read [Matthew 4:18-22](#)**

In this passage we find Jesus interrupting the lives of others. They were busily going about their daily routines and Jesus instead issues a bold invitation.

- **How did the disciples respond to Jesus' call to be used?**

When you think of Jesus' invitation it becomes evident there is something more important to life's mission than our jobs and recreation. Make a list of things you believe to be important in the work of God in your community.

- **Now, ask yourself, "Why do these things make my list?"**

Think of a time when you felt God was nudging you to drop what you were doing and follow him.

- **Why did you choose to obey? Why did you choose not to?**

## **DAY 3**

**Read [Joshua 1:1-18](#)**

Joshua finds himself in a predicament. The great leader Moses has died and Joshua is now looked upon to lead the people.

- **How does Joshua respond to God's call to be used?**

Based upon the words in the text it is highly likely this was a daunting task for Joshua.

- **What assurance did God give him in order for Joshua to accept the invitation to be used?**

Fear is one emotion that can prevent us from saying "yes" to God when invited to serve. Reflect on a time when you felt God inviting you to serve and instead of saying "yes" your fears made you say "no."

## **DAY 4**

**Read [Isaiah 6:1-8](#)**

What Isaiah experienced in this scripture passage was huge for him; he felt "the presence of God" in a real and overwhelming way.

- **Describe what Isaiah saw and felt.**

Notice Isaiah doesn't ask God, "Where are you sending me? Will I like the place I am going? Will my journey be easy?"

- **Why do you think we ask those kinds of questions when we feel God is inviting us to go and do this work?**
- **What do you need to do in order to experience God's presence in your life? What steps will you take to begin today?**

## **DAY 5**

**Read [Luke 18:18-30](#)**

Our focus has been to make ourselves available for God's service and to remove the obstacles in our way in accomplishing that.

- **What obstacles are in your path that are keeping you from surrendering your time, gifts, service for God?**

Many of the scriptures we read this week have had a common thread: an invitation to serve or follow God is made. The question becomes, what is each person willing to do to accept the invitation?

- **Why did the rich ruler have a hard time surrendering himself and becoming available for God?**
- **Serving God can feel like a burden; it costs something. Name a time when you felt regret for not being obedient in serving God when asked?**

The goal is to make ourselves available to God. Like Isaiah, we must get to the place where no matter what it takes we are ready to serve.

- **How will you do that this week?**

## DAY 6

Today is a day of reflection and prayer. Are you are ready to take the risk and pray for God to use you in whichever direction he guides you? Let yourself be open to what God reveals and put aside doubts and fears. Thank God for his guidance and ask him to give you the discernment to hear his call and the strength to follow it.

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