



When You Feel Called But Not Qualified



Feel called by God but unworthy or unprepared?
This 7-day Bible study empowers women to
overcome doubt and step boldly into their God-
given purpose.

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Introduction

You feel it in your heart—that quiet tug, that whisper from God calling you to something more. Maybe it's a ministry, a career shift, a book idea, a conversation, or a dream you've carried for years. But right after the calling comes the fear: *Who am I to do this? I'm not ready. I'm not enough.*

If you've ever felt too broken, too uneducated, too sinful, too shy, too old, too young, or just *too inadequate* to step into what God is calling you to, you're not alone. In fact, you're in good company with nearly every person God used in Scripture.

This Bible study is for every woman who senses a divine purpose but wrestles with paralyzing doubt. Over the next 7 days, we will:

-  Confront the lies that keep you stuck in insecurity
-  Look at biblical women who answered God's call despite fear
-  Anchor your courage in the truth of God's Word
-  Learn how to say *yes* even when you still feel afraid

You don't have to be perfect to walk in purpose. You don't need a flawless past to have a faith-filled future. God doesn't call the qualified—He qualifies the called.

Let's explore together what it means to say *yes* to God, even when you don't feel ready.





Day 1: God Doesn't Choose the Qualified— He Qualifies the Chosen



Your Verse

Primary Verse – 1 Corinthians 1:27–29 (NIV):

“But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.”

Supporting Scriptures

- **Exodus 4:10–12 (NIV):**

Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent... I am slow of speech and tongue.” The Lord said... “Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

- **Judges 6:15–16 (NIV):**

“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest... and I am the least in my family.” The Lord answered, “I will be with you.”

- **2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV):**

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’”



Day 1: God Doesn't Choose the Qualified—He Qualifies the Chosen

Devotional Thought

There's a pattern woven through every page of the Bible—and it's not what most of us expect. God doesn't seek out the polished, confident, or put-together to accomplish His purposes. He looks for the willing. The humble. The broken. The least likely.

Moses stuttered.

Gideon was riddled with insecurity.

Esther was an orphan.

Rahab had a past.

Mary was a teenage girl.

And yet, every single one of them was called—and used.

1 Corinthians 1:27–29 reminds us that God chooses the *foolish*, the *weak*, the *lowly*—so that *He* gets the glory, not us. That's not a flaw in His system. It's the *design*.

When you feel unqualified, it's not a sign to run—it's a reason to lean in. Your weakness doesn't disqualify you; it actually positions you perfectly to depend on His strength.

You may say, “But I'm not ready. I don't know enough. I've made too many mistakes.”

God says, “I will go with you. I will equip you. My grace is enough.”



The next time doubt creeps in and whispers *you're not enough*, remember:
God never asked you to be enough—He asked you to say *yes*.



Day 1: God Doesn't Choose the Qualified—He Qualifies the Chosen

Journaling Prompts

1. What specific calling, dream, or nudge from God have you been avoiding because you feel unqualified?

2. Who in Scripture do you most identify with—and how did God use them despite their weakness?

3. Write down what you believe disqualifies you. Then rewrite each “disqualification” as an opportunity for God’s strength to shine.



Day 1: God Doesn't Choose the Qualified—He Qualifies the Chosen

Prayer for Today

Lord,

I confess that I often believe I need to have it all together to be used by You. I compare myself to others. I doubt my voice, my experience, my strength. I disqualify myself before I even try.

But today, I choose to believe what You say is true: that You use the weak, the humble, the broken—and You turn our mess into something beautiful.

I don't have all the answers, Lord. But I do have a willing heart. Teach me to trust Your calling more than I trust my fear. Let Your strength be made perfect in my weakness. And when I hesitate, remind me that You never expected me to walk alone.

Qualify me in the places I feel least prepared. Fill me with courage to take one step toward Your purpose today. Thank You for choosing me—even when I would never have chosen myself.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.





Day 2: Saying “Yes” Even While Afraid



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Your Verse

Primary Verse – Joshua 1:9 (NIV):

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Supporting Scriptures

- **Isaiah 41:10 (NIV):**

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

- **Luke 1:30 (NIV):**

“But the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.’”

- **Psalms 56:3 (NIV):**

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.”



Day 2: Saying “Yes” Even While Afraid

Devotional Thought

Courage is not the absence of fear—it’s the willingness to obey God *in spite of it*. Most of us wait to feel ready, calm, or confident before we move forward with God’s call. But the truth is, *obedience often begins in fear*.

When Joshua stood on the edge of the Promised Land, inheriting the leadership mantle from Moses, he wasn’t brimming with confidence. He was likely overwhelmed and scared. But God didn’t tell him to wait until he *felt* ready—He said, “*Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God will be with you.*”

That promise hasn’t changed.

Fear is part of the journey—but it’s not your guide. It’s not your Lord. When God calls you forward, He doesn’t expect you to silence every ounce of fear. He simply asks you to trust that *He is with you*.

Think of Mary, the mother of Jesus. When the angel appeared to her with the call of a lifetime, the first words spoken were: “*Do not be afraid.*” She didn’t have all the answers. But she said *yes*.

You can too.

You may never feel fully fearless—but you can be faithful. Say yes. Even if your voice shakes. Even if your heart pounds. Even if your hands tremble. Say yes.



God doesn't bless perfection. He blesses obedience.



Day 2: Saying “Yes” Even While Afraid

Journaling Prompts

1. What fears come up when you think about saying “yes” to what God is calling you to do?

2. Reflect on a time you obeyed God even while afraid. What happened? How did He show up?

3. Write a short letter to yourself—a pep talk full of faith, truth, and encouragement to move forward in courage.



Day 2: Saying “Yes” Even While Afraid

Prayer for Today

Father,

You know how often I let fear speak louder than faith. I want to follow You, but sometimes the “what ifs” paralyze me. What if I fail? What if people reject me? What if I don’t have what it takes?

But today, I want to obey—*even while afraid*. I want to be like Mary, who said “yes” before she understood the plan. I want to be like Joshua, who crossed into the unknown believing You would go with him.

Help me take the next step, Lord. Quiet the fears that shout in my mind. Remind me that fear is not my ruler—You are. Give me holy courage to move forward. Not because I feel ready, but because *You are with me*.

Thank You for being my strength when I am scared. I will not let fear have the final say. I choose *faith*.

In Jesus’ name,
Amen.





Day 3: Your Past Doesn't Disqualify You



Your Verse

Primary Verse – Romans 8:1 (NIV):

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Supporting Scriptures

- **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV):**

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

- **John 8:10–11 (NIV):**

“Jesus straightened up and asked her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she said. ‘Then neither do I condemn you,’ Jesus declared. ‘Go now and leave your life of sin.’”

- **Psalms 103:12 (NIV):**

“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”



Day 3: Your Past Doesn't Disqualify You

Devotional Thought

One of the enemy's favorite tactics is dragging your past into your present every time you try to step forward. He wants you to believe that because you made mistakes—because you were broken, ashamed, or rebellious—you are *forever disqualified*.

But God doesn't see you through the lens of your past. He sees you through the lens of the cross.

Romans 8:1 makes it clear: *"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."* None. Not a little. Not some. *None*. If God Himself no longer condemns you, who are you to keep living in self-condemnation?

Look at the woman caught in adultery in John 8. Everyone around her had a stone in hand, ready to define her by her worst moment. But Jesus disarmed them—and then turned to her and said, *"Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin."*

He didn't just forgive her. He restored her identity.

That's what He's doing for you.

Yes, you have a past. We all do. But in Jesus, you have a *future*. Your story doesn't end in shame—it begins in grace. God doesn't erase your story... He redeems it.



And He loves to use women with a past to build His Kingdom. Just ask Rahab.
Or the Samaritan woman. Or Mary Magdalene.

So lift your head. Walk in freedom. You're not the sum of your sins—you're a
daughter of the King.



Day 3: Your Past Doesn't Disqualify You

Journaling Prompts

1. What parts of your past still feel like a source of shame or disqualification?

2. How does knowing “there is now no condemnation” change how you view yourself?

3. Write out a “declaration of freedom” over your past. Name your healing. Claim your redemption.



Day 3: Your Past Doesn't Disqualify You

Prayer for Today

Jesus,

There are moments when my past screams louder than Your promises. The enemy reminds me of everything I've done wrong. And some days, I believe him. I carry shame like a weight I can't drop.

But You say I'm forgiven. You say I'm free. You say *there is no condemnation* for those who belong to You.

So today, I choose to believe *You*.

I surrender my past at the foot of the cross. Every mistake. Every regret. Every wound. I release it all.

Rewrite my story with Your grace. Use my pain as part of my purpose. Let my healing point others to Your glory.

Thank You for loving me—even when I couldn't love myself.

In Your holy name,
Amen.





Day 4: God Uses Ordinary Women to Do Extraordinary Things



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Your Verse

Primary Verse – Acts 4:13 (NIV):

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”

Supporting Scriptures

- **Judges 4:4–5 (NIV):**

“Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court... and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided.”

- **Luke 8:2–3 (NIV):**

“...and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases... Mary (called Magdalene)... Joanna... Susanna—and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.”

- **Proverbs 31:27–29 (NIV):**

“She watches over the affairs of her household... Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”



Day 4: God Uses Ordinary Women to Do Extraordinary Things

Devotional Thought

If you've ever said, "I'm just a mom... just a wife... just a church volunteer... just a quiet woman..."—this day is for you.

God delights in using ordinary people to carry out His extraordinary plans. In Acts 4:13, the religious leaders were *astonished* that Peter and John—ordinary, uneducated men—were boldly proclaiming the gospel. Their power didn't come from education or eloquence. It came from having *been with Jesus*.

That's what matters most.

Throughout Scripture, God used women who weren't royalty, wealthy, or well-known. Deborah led a nation. Ruth redeemed a family line. The woman at the well became the first evangelist in Samaria. Lydia hosted a house church. Mary birthed the Savior of the world.

None of them were "qualified" in the world's eyes. But they were *available*. And that was enough.

You don't need a platform to have purpose. You don't need to be seen by the world to be *chosen* by God. He sees you.

The same God who formed the galaxies formed *you*—on purpose, for a purpose.



So stop saying you're "just" anything. You're a daughter of the King. A vessel of the Spirit. A walking testimony of grace. That's not ordinary. That's Kingdom.



Day 4: God Uses Ordinary Women to Do Extraordinary Things

Journaling Prompts

1. Have you ever downplayed your own worth or role by thinking, “I’m just...”? List them out—and cross out the word “just.”

2. Write about a time God used you in a powerful way, even when you felt small.

3. Ask God to show you the quiet places where He’s already using your life for His glory.



Day 4: God Uses Ordinary Women to Do Extraordinary Things

Prayer for Today

Lord,

Sometimes I forget that You use the humble and hidden—not just the loud or impressive. I look at others and feel behind. I wonder if my life matters. I worry that I'm not enough to make a difference.

But today, I choose to believe what You've always said: You use the ordinary to do the extraordinary.

I offer You my life—all of it. The quiet moments. The daily routines. The parts no one sees. Use it all. Let my faithfulness, not my fame, be what honors You most.

Teach me to find joy in serving You where I am, not just where I hope to be.

Thank You for choosing me, even in my simplicity.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.





Day 5: Trusting God to Fill the Gaps



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Your Verse

Primary Verse – 2 Corinthians 3:5 (NIV):

“Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.”

Supporting Scriptures

- **Philippians 1:6 (NIV):**

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

- **Exodus 31:2–3 (NIV):**

“See, I have chosen Bezalel... and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills.”

- **James 1:5 (NIV):**

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”



Day 5: Trusting God to Fill the Gaps

Devotional Thought

If God is calling you, He will *equip* you. Full stop.

But that's easy to forget when you feel overwhelmed by all you *don't* know or have. Maybe you don't have a degree, a certification, the right words, or the confidence. Maybe you've never led before, taught before, spoken up before. Maybe you feel like you're standing at the edge of a cliff with no bridge in sight.

But here's the good news: God is the bridge.

2 Corinthians 3:5 reminds us that our competence doesn't come from ourselves—it comes from *God*. You don't have to *be enough* because *He is enough*. You don't have to carry the pressure of being fully prepared. You have to be *willing, obedient, and humble enough* to ask for help.

When God called Bezalel to build the Tabernacle in Exodus 31, He filled him with *skill, knowledge, and creativity*. When Solomon asked for wisdom, God gave it *generously*. When the disciples were sent out, Jesus said the Holy Spirit would *teach them what to say*.

He doesn't call you *and then leave you empty-handed*.

He fills in every gap you're worried about. Every weakness. Every unknown. Every lack.



So instead of focusing on what you don't have, ask God to pour in what He does. He will. He always does.



Day 5: Trusting God to Fill the Gaps

Journaling Prompts

1. What gaps do you see in your ability or preparedness that make you hesitate to follow God's calling?

2. How have you seen God provide for you in the past when you felt underprepared?

3. Write a prayer asking God to fill you with wisdom, strength, and spiritual resources for the path ahead.



Day 5: Trusting God to Fill the Gaps

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord,

I confess that I often fixate on what I lack. I see the gaps, the weaknesses, the missing pieces—and I assume that disqualifies me. But Your Word reminds me that You are my strength. My source. My competence.

Today, I shift my focus. Instead of worrying about what I don't have, I choose to trust what *You do have*. Fill me with Your wisdom. Pour into me everything I need to do what You've asked.

I don't need to have it all figured out—because I have *You*.

You are my helper. My teacher. My guide.

Thank You for never calling me to something You won't also equip me for.

I open my heart and hands today. Fill the gaps, Lord.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.





Day 6: It's Not About You—It's About God Through You



Your Verse

Primary Verse – Zechariah 4:6 (NIV):

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty.”

Supporting Scriptures

- **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.”

- **1 Peter 4:11 (NIV):**

“...If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”

- **Galatians 2:20 (NIV):**

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”



Devotional Thought

We live in a world that constantly tells us to “believe in yourself.” But the gospel flips that on its head—it tells us to *believe in God working through you*.

When God gives you a calling, it's not so you can prove your own strength. It's so you can reflect *His*. Your life is not a spotlight—it's a *mirror*. And when the mirror is clean and clear, people won't see you. They'll see Jesus.

Zechariah 4:6 says, “Not by might nor by power, but by *My Spirit*.” That's the secret. It's not hustle. It's not perfection. It's not personality. It's the *Spirit of God in you*.

You don't need a résumé that impresses heaven. You need a heart that yields.

Think of the loaves and fish. It wasn't the amount that mattered—it was the offering. Jesus took the little that was available and multiplied it. He will do the same with your time, your gifts, your words, your obedience.

The pressure isn't on you to *be enough*. It's on you to *abide*.
The fruit is His. The outcome is His. The glory is His.

When you feel the weight of being “called,” pause and remember:
It's not about you—it's about *God through you*.



Day 6: It's Not About You—It's About God Through You

Journaling Prompts

1. In what ways have you placed the pressure of your calling solely on your own shoulders?

2. How would it change your mindset to fully embrace that God, not you, is the source of your strength?

3. Write a surrender statement today—something that releases control and invites God to take center stage in your calling.



Day 6: It's Not About You—It's About God Through You

Prayer for Today

God,

I've been trying to do too much on my own. I've confused calling with performance. I've allowed fear and striving to replace trust and surrender.

But today, I remember that it's *not by might, not by power—but by Your Spirit*. The pressure is not mine to carry. You didn't ask me to do everything perfectly. You asked me to remain in You.

So I let go of control. I open my hands. I ask You to fill me, guide me, and use me—not for my own name, but for *Yours*.

Let people see *You* in me. Let my life be a window to heaven's glory. I'm not enough—but You are. And that is more than enough.

In Jesus' powerful name,
Amen.





Day 7: Walk Boldly in Your Calling



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Your Verse

Primary Verse – Ephesians 2:10 (NIV): “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 10:35–36 (NIV): “So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.”*
- *Isaiah 30:21 (NIV): “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’”*
- *1 Thessalonians 5:24 (NIV): “The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.”*



Day 7: Walk Boldly in Your Calling

Devotional Thought

You made it to Day 7—and maybe for the first time in a while, you’re beginning to believe it: *You are called*. You don’t need to wait for another sign, another open door, or another perfect moment. God has *already* prepared good works for you to walk in—and the path is open.

The world may still try to convince you that you’re not ready, but God says you’re His workmanship—*His masterpiece*. That means your design is intentional. Your voice matters. Your story matters. Your *presence* in the lives of others matters.

And you don’t have to be perfect to walk boldly. You only need to walk in *faith*.

Confidence isn’t arrogance—it’s agreeing with what God says about you. Hebrews 10:35 reminds us not to throw away our confidence, because it’s the key to perseverance and promise. You need that confidence to stay the course, even when it’s hard. Even when you still feel unqualified.

If you’re waiting to feel brave, you might wait forever. But if you decide today that God’s call is *greater than your comfort*, then your next step becomes clear:

Walk.

Even if your knees shake.

Even if the details aren’t clear.



Even if others doubt.

Even if *you* doubt.

Walk boldly—because the One who called you is faithful. He doesn't just call the qualified. He *qualifies the called*.

And that includes you.



Day 7: Walk Boldly in Your Calling

Journaling Prompts

1. What “good work” do you sense God has prepared for you to step into right now?

2. What would it look like to walk boldly in your calling, even with fear present?

3. Write a commissioning prayer over yourself—affirming your calling, your identity, and your surrender to God’s purpose.



Day 7: Walk Boldly in Your Calling

Prayer for Today

Father,

Thank You for walking with me these past 7 days. I see now that You have been calling me all along. Not because of what I've done—but because of who You are.

You have prepared good works for me. You have equipped me through Your Spirit. You've gone before me, and You will never leave me.

So I choose boldness today—not because I feel brave, but because You are *with* me. I renounce fear, doubt, and comparison. I silence the voice that says I'm not enough, and I amplify the truth that *You are my sufficiency*.

Use my life. Use my story. Let it bring glory to You.

I walk forward, not in my own power, but in Yours.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.





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