



Sometimes I feel Inadequate
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Isaiah saw God. *Isaiah 6:1-4, Ezekiel 1:26-28*
How do you imagine this?

Isaiah saw his sin. *Isaiah 6:5-7, Luke 5:5-8*
How does this impact you?

2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:8-9

Isaiah heard God's call. *Isaiah 6:7-8, Luke 5:8-11*
Do you believe this applies to you?

Acts 4:13

Through our inadequacies, Christ's message is shown
Exodus 4:11-12, Matthew 10:17-21, Matthew 28:19-20

What is God Calling you to do?

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The longer I'm a pastor the more I come to understand that I don't know enough, I'm not good enough, and that I've made too many mistakes.

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Sometimes I feel completely inadequate.

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Isaiah 6:1-4 NLT It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the Temple. ² Attending Him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with His glory!" ⁴ Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.

Isaiah saw God.

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Ezekiel 1:26-28 NLT Above this surface was something that looked like a throne made of blue lapis lazuli. And on this throne high above was a figure whose appearance resembled a

man.²⁷ From what appeared to be His waist up, He looked like gleaming amber, flickering like a fire. And from His waist down, He looked like a burning flame, shining with splendor.²⁸ All around Him was a glowing halo, like a rainbow shining in the clouds on a rainy day. This is what the glory of the Lord looked like to me. When I saw it, I fell face down on the ground, and I heard someone's voice speaking to me.

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Isaiah 6:5 NLT Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

Isaiah saw his sin.

Luke 5:5-8 NLT "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man."

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Isaiah 6:5-7 NLT Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.⁷ He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."

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2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

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Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

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Isaiah 6:7-8 NLT He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."⁸ Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

Isaiah heard God's call.

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Luke 5:8-11 NLT When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man."⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" ¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Acts 4:13 NLT The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

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I am not defined by my failures. I am not restricted by my past. I am not held captive by my limitations. I am a child of God. I am remade. I am called by the Most High. I am redeemed. I am filled with His purpose and power. I am in Christ. I may be inadequate, but Greater is He that is in me, than anything in this world!

Exodus 4:11-12 NLT Then the Lord asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord?" ¹² Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say."

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Matthew 10:17-21 NLT But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. ¹⁸ You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me. ¹⁹ When you are arrested, don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. ²⁰ For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Matthew 28:19-20 NLT Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

What is God calling you to do?

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How will you answer Him?**

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