

## God does not call the qualified.

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**1 Corinthians 1:27-29**; "God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that he may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God."

I was speaking to a man at a church here in Durbanville a few months ago who was convinced that God had called him into ministry. I have heard this statement many times before from different people so my first response is always "when do you believe He first called you?" The reply in this instance was 20 years ago. My response was; "Then why the wait!?" Most of those who believe they are called and do not act on it, state that they became paralysed by fear. Fear of the unknown. Actually so much so that they felt as though they stopped growing, stopped learning, stopped exploring, stopped discovering, and even stopped dreaming. Why? All, bar none of them, stated that because they felt as though they had chosen average, or easy, or ordinary, and this let the routine of life put them in a rut. Is that you? So whilst I cannot tell you what to do, here are my five-cents worth: when you feel that way remember a hero or two in Scripture. I mean think about this with me. There was Noah who was fond of wine, actually really fond of wine. Abraham was too old, Jacob was a liar, Moses had a stuttering problem, Rahab was a prostitute, the Samaritan woman was divorced (more than once), Saul (Paul) as a Pharisee was too religious, and Lazarus was ... dead. Yet, and if you believe this message is meant for you, here is the real deal: they all played a huge role in Biblical history and they are the heroes of the faith, as sinful and as ordinary as they were. God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called. Bless you!