

“Use me, O God! Here is a Blank Check!”

Isaiah 6:1-13 January 24, 2021

Sermon Series- “*Precarious Prayers for 2021*”

Previous Prayers- Prayer for boldness even though it can cause us trouble; Prayer of perseverance to not give up; Prayer to ask God to search us and to make us a clean vessel as He uses us. Today’s sermon is a prayer of availability.

Big Idea- All of us have been blessed with a spiritual gift. When we don’t use it, we are sinning, but also missing out on great reward.

Background- Isaiah was given a glimpse into the throne room of God Himself. God was looking for someone He could send to be an instrument in which God would share His Word with humanity. Isaiah was eager to respond.

Who is God calling in order to advance His kingdom?

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. (cf. Isa 66:4; 65:12; Jer 7:13)

Four Responses to when God calls us to move beyond our current situation:

- 1) The JONAH response: “Here I am, NO thank you!” – Jonah 1:3
- 2) The MOSES response: “Here I am, Send somebody ELSE”- Ex 4:13
- 3) The PLACATING response: “Sure, I’ll go” and doesn’t – Matt 21:28-31
- 4) The ISAIAH response: Listens first, redeemed and then “Send me!”

LESSON 1- An audacious prayer is one offering up our AVAILABILITY

- A. To authentically be available we must have a genuine RELATIONSHIP (6:1-4; what is your view of God? Matthew 6:33; 6:10; 26:42)
- B. To authentically be available we must recognize our DEFICIENCIES (6:5; Luke 17:7-10; John 15:5; Job 38-41; Romans 3:10-18)
- C. To authentically be available we know only God can RESCUE US (6:6-7; Eph 2:4-10; 1 Cor 4:7; 15:10; Matt 28:18-20- all authority)
- D. To authentically be available we realize we are only MESSENGERS (6:9-13; 2 Tim 4:2; Galatians 1:7-9; Matthew 5:16; Luke 19:17)

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Theological application questions-

1. Am I truly available? Am I humbly asking God and persevering?
2. Do I think that God is using me “enough”?

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples