

Beyond Broken to Useful

1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5

God chooses and uses _____ and _____ people.

Recycling Process:

1. God selects _____ people to display His _____. 1:26ff.

The example of the Corinthian believers

Consider your calling brethren... God has chosen... 26

- God's choice is a _____ necessity because:
 - *No one...* Romans 3:10-12
 - *All...* Romans 3:12-23
- God choice spotlights human _____ for His _____.
 - God targets the _____.
 - God purposes even the _____ for the greatest _____.

Apply: Before I _____ remember why I am _____.

2. God works through personal _____ to display His _____. 2:1-5

The example of the Apostle Paul

When I came... I was with you in weakness... 1

- God uses people with a _____ - **not** _____ **speaking.**
- God uses people who know - **nothing** _____.
- God uses people who display _____ in weakness and fear.
 - God targets the _____.
 - God purposes even the _____ for the greatest _____.

Apply: Before despairing - remember where...

- 2 Corinthians 4:1, 5, 7 God puts great _____ in _____, _____ pots. Why?
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 God perfects His _____ in our _____. Why?

Challenge: Am I ready to be used by God?

- Am I _____?
- Am I _____?
- Am I _____?

Beyond Broken to Useful

1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5

God chooses and uses flawed and broken people.

Recycling Process:

1. God selects discarded people to display His glory. 1:26ff.

The example of the Corinthian believers

Consider your calling brethren... God has chosen... 26

- God's choice is a universal necessity because:
 - *No one...* Romans 3:10-12
 - *All...* Romans 3:12-23
- God choice spotlights human shame for His glory.
 - God targets the Nothings.
 - God purposes even the worst for the greatest glory.

Apply: Before I boast remember why I am chosen.

2. God works through personal weakness to display His power. 2:1-5

The example of the Apostle Paul

When I came... I was with you in weakness... 1

- God uses people with a testimony - **not superior speaking**.
- God uses people who know - **nothing but Christ**.
- God uses people who display desperate dependence in weakness and fear.
 - God targets the Nothings.
 - God purposes even the worst for the greatest glory.

Apply: Before despairing - remember where...

- 2 Corinthians 4:1, 5, 7 God puts great treasure in plain, fragile pots. Why?
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 God perfects His power in our weakness. Why?

Challenge: Am I ready to be used by God?

- Am I down-sizable?
- Am I available?
- Am I expendable?