



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 004- God Chose Abraham:

[Joshua 24:1-15](#)

- If you were to choose one man to lead a major project at work, church, or in your community, what qualities would you look for?
- What qualities make a man great in your eyes?

As we see in the case of Abraham (and will see often in our search through the Bible), God doesn't think the way we think. And He often chooses the most unlikely men to lead His people and accomplish the things He wants done. In 1 Corinthians 1:26-32 Paul wrote,

- 26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.
- 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
- 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,
- 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.
- 30 And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
- 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

- When you compare yourself to people you consider great, do you feel inferior? Why?
- What impossible things have you been able to do with God's help that you thought you would never be able to do?
- Why would God choose weak people like Abraham to be the leaders of His people?
- Why might God sometimes not choose people who appear to be more qualified?

There was really only one person who was truly great. That was Jesus Christ. Yet He never boasted about His greatness, but always focused on the needs of the people around Him. He never faltered or stumbled, but lived His life perfectly as our substitute. He even accepted the punishment for all our failings and sins when He suffered and died in our place on the cross. He laid down His life for all of us, and took it up again when He rose on the third day. He is our Leader, our Lord, and our Savior. He calls us and empowers us to follow after Him and be leaders in His Kingdom.

- How does it empower you to know God is the one who will give you everything you need to become—and remain—a great servant leader in your family, church, and community?