

battle, and retire ye from him, **that he may be smitten, and die.**" (2 Samuel 11:3-4, 15)

David the MESSAGE – a man after God’s own heart

“And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found **David** the son of Jesse, **a man after mine own heart**, which shall fulfil all my will.” (Acts 13:22)

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**Paul**

God used Paul to bring Gentiles to Jesus and unify believers in Christ. The Holy Spirit wrote much of the New Testament through Paul.

**Paul the MESS – a wretched violent hypocrite**

“(58) And cast him out of the city, and **stoned him**: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man’s feet, **whose name was Saul.** (59) And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” (Acts 7:58-59)

“(19) For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do...(24) **O wretched man that I am!** who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” (Romans 7:19, 24)

**Paul the MESSAGE – apostle to the Gentiles**

“Whereunto I am appointed a **preacher**, and an **apostle**, and a **teacher of the Gentiles.**”  
(2 Timothy 1:11)

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Conclusion:

First, it must be noted, that none of the previous examples are intended to condone the sinful behaviors committed. It is just to demonstrate that God can use people in spite of themselves.

God’s ability to use you has nothing to do with you! **Stop thinking so highly of yourself** as if you could be powerful enough to **prevent God** from using you.

There is only one thing you can do to stop the Holy Spirit from accomplishing God’s will in your life, and that is **REFUSE to let Him!** He will not force you to obey Him.

“When **Christ, who is our life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”
(Colossians 3:4)

Is Jesus your life? Or not?

If you are born again...you are not **too evil** to be used by God!

As a matter of fact, this is the source of your right standing with God...

“And be found in him, **not having mine own righteousness**, which is of the law, **but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:**” (Philippians 3:9)

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**God Can’t Use Someone Like Me**

Many believers think that God could never use them because they have made an enormous mess of their lives. But is that true? Are there people so messed up that it is impossible for God to use them? Is there anything impossible for God?

“**For with God nothing shall be impossible.**”  
(Luke 1:37)

We need to focus on **Jesus** and **not** on ourselves. The **Holy Spirit** dwells in all true believers...God lives in us! What are we **not** able to accomplish that is according to His will?

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Wrong Focus

The notion that your life is such a wreck that God cannot use you is wholly focused on the wrong thing...**YOU!**

If we look at ourselves with the expectation of success, we are assuredly doomed to failure. In ourselves exists nothing but disaster.

“**Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God,**

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and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” (2 Corinthians 10:5)

If we are self-absorbed, even over the ruin we have made of our lives, we are exalting ourselves against the knowledge of God.

God says that “in Christ” we can do “all things,” but **we say** “NO! I am not good enough!” Isn’t that subtly calling God a liar? Isn’t that elevating our “self” above God?

Think about it.

While you are thinking about it, arrest all of those thoughts and bring them into the “obedience of Christ.” You certainly are able to...

“...do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)

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**Are There Bible Examples?**

*“The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes 1:9)*

The Word of God tells us that there is nothing new under the sun; therefore, it should be easy to find Scriptural examples to validate that **God can turn messed up people into people with messages!** In the following sections, we will look at a few examples.

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Noah

Through Noah, God saved humanity from extinction. Noah faithfully obeyed God’s command to build an Ark.

Noah the MESS – a naked drunk

*“And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: (21) And he drank of the wine, **and was drunken;** and he was uncovered within his tent. (22) And Ham, the father of Canaan, **saw the nakedness of his father,** and told his two brethren without.” (Genesis 9:20-22)*

Noah the MESSAGE – preacher of righteousness

*“And spared not the old world, but saved **Noah** the eighth person, **a preacher of righteousness,** bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;” (2 Peter 2:5)*

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## Abraham

Abraham is known as the “father of faith.” He was the recipient of the Promise of God.

**Abraham the MESS – a liar who also told his wife to lie for him to her own detriment!**

*“And **Abraham** said of Sarah his wife, **She is my sister:** and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.” (Genesis 20:2)*

**Abraham the MESSAGE – father of faith through the Gospel**

*“Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.** (8) And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, **preached before the gospel unto Abraham,** saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. (9) So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.” (Galatians 3:7-9)*

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Moses

Moses, the deliverer, was God’s tool to lead the people of God to the Promised Land. God used Moses to give the law.

Moses the MESS – a murderer

*“And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. (12) And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, **he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.**”*

(Exodus 2:11-12)

Moses the MESSAGE – a foreshadowing of Jesus

*“I will **raise them up a Prophet** from among their brethren, **like unto thee,** and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him” (Deuteronomy 18:18)*

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## David

Jesus is King from the lineage of David. David was known as the man after God’s heart. David was a mighty man of God, victorious over giants.

## **David the MESS – an adulterous murderer**

*“(3) And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this **Bathsheba,** the daughter of Eliam, the **wife of Uriah** the Hittite? (4) And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and **he lay with her;** for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house...(15) And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest*