

Message Title: Be A Willing Vessel – Send Me

Jan 24, 2021

Introduction: I heard this word on last week that God is looking or seeking for WILLING VESSELS and not a Perfect Vessel. We want to seek the Lord as the body of Christ as to what type of vessel we are. Are we the type of vessel that is WILLING or are we making the excuse we have to be perfect to serve God? Before we go to any farther, we must qualify what God is not looking for an unclean vessel either, but one that is willing to be clean to serve Him. When God called Isaiah, He made Isaiah clean.

Foundational Scripture:

2 Timothy 2:20-21 (KJV)

²⁰ But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.²¹ If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Isaiah 6:8 (NLT) Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" "I said, "Here I am. Send me."

Jesus the Willing Vessel and our example: Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)

- let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
- Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;
- endured the cross,

Jesus was Willing to bear the cross: Matthew 26:42 (KJV)

Point I. What Type Vessel Are You?

- An Honorable Vessel is (2 Timothy 2:20-21 KJV):
 - Useable by God
 - For noble purposes
 - Consecrated for Him
 - Profitable for the Master
 - Fit and ready for good work
- A vessel is a Metaphor for a man or woman of quality, a chosen instrument.

Romans 9: 20-21 (KJV)

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? 21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

- God is the Potter and He wants us to be willing to be molded and shaped by Him.

Point II. God is Looking For Willing Vessel and not Perfect Vessels

Isaiah 1:19 (KJV) 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Willing Definition: to be willing, to consent (to be acquiescent, to be acquiescent)

Point III. God Will Clean Us Up If We Come And Be Willing

Isaiah 6:5-8 (NLT) 5 Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven." 8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

- Isaiah was a willing vessel he was not clean or perfect when he appeared before the Lord.
 - We don't have to be perfect vessel to be called to do a work for the Lord.
 - But we must be willing to answer the call of the Lord.
- We must confess our sin to God:
 - For I am a sinful man
 - I have filthy lips
 - I live among a people with filthy lips.
- God Forgave Isaiah for His Sins :
 - He touched my lips with it the coal from the altar
 - Now your guilt is removed (Our guilt makes us think we are not worthy, when God calls us He makes us worthy)
 - His sins are forgiven

- Holiness of life is more important than holiness of doctrine, and right doing is infinitely more important than talk about it.