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Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

God doesn't call the equipped; God equips the called.

This may be a cliché, but the Bible's stories back it up. The people God uses as instruments of transformation are ordinary people with no credentials, standing, or obvious gifts. In fact, most of the people God calls to serve, have well-grounded reasons why God should call someone else.

In today's reading, Moses says to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" Then in chapter 4, he says, "I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue ... please send someone else."

How many of us shudder at the thought of sharing our faith or being a witness. We think that there are so many others who could do a better job than us. Whether like Moses we're not very eloquent, or like Isaiah (in Isaiah 6) we have unclean lips, or like Peter (in Luke 5) we're sinful men and women, we have good reasons why God should call someone else.

Continue to pray for your five (5) friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Ask God to reveal His love to them in new and profound ways. Also ask God to remind you that you are a witness, not because you are eloquent or otherwise qualified, but because God has called you and prepared you -- and promises to equip you for the task at hand.

Consider what God tells Moses in Exodus 4: "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak."