



Part 1

I. Introduction

Imperfection **ENDEARS** itself to us – we understand it, we relate to it.

- Tower of Pisa
- Sphinx
- Liberty Bell
- Washington Monument

But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD'S command. 1 Samuel 13:14 (NIV)

David was flawed. He was imperfect.

- **ADULTERER**
- **MURDERER**
- **ANGER**
- **LIAR**
- **FAILURE AS A FATHER**

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things - and the things that are not - to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NIV)

God's way of doing things runs **CONTRARY** to human reason.

II. Perfectly **IMPERFECT**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

III. Encouragement - Not an EXCUSE

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

ENCOURAGEMENT to go ahead and serve God

Not an EXCUSE to continue sinning

PURPOSE not PERMISSION

God is not looking to use PERFECT PEOPLE

- What does God look for - if not perfection?
- What does God use - if not perfection?
- How can I be effective in my life serving God, ministering to other people with all the faults and mistakes in my life?
- What makes imperfect people perfectly usable in Gods plans?

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."

Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NIV)

God uses that which is IMPERFECT

He looks for IMPERFECT people

How can I be effective in my life SERVING GOD, ministering to other people, with all the FAULTS & MISTAKES in my life?