



soulmind

Connecting you with God's heart

Not Me!

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NLT)

Welcome to **Soulmind**.

This week's devotional speaks to those times when we secretly, (or not so secretly), feel inadequate, powerless, weak, and useless.

The good news is, you're in great company! Have you ever noted the fact that most, if not all, of the great Biblical characters were cracked pots? As in, wow, did they ever make a mess of things!

Unbelievably, God's storyline moves forward through the lives of these real-life, messed up people. Like you and me.

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Topic Overview

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt completely like a 'poser' and always a little fearful about getting found out for who you really are? When I was hired to fill the position of a worship leader, it took me a long time to feel comfortable with that job title. I was sure people could see right through it to the real me: I didn't have all the answers, and wasn't at all perfect – not what I thought a real worship leader was, or should be; an introvert who happened to have musical talent, but would rather be in the background, uncomfortable performing or being in the spotlight – especially speaking. What WERE you thinking??? Poser!

Out of all the characters in the Bible, I identify most with Moses. When God asked him to do his part in rescuing the people of Israel, that guy balked and came up with more excuses than even I could have! In the story of their dialogue in Exodus Ch. 3-4, five times Moses talks back to God – protesting, pleading to be let off the hook. "Who am I to do this? What if they don't believe me? I don't speak very well, etc, etc."

Reading this story, I am amazed at this God of ours. He listened and answered Moses

respectfully with kindness and patience, not brushing his fears and feelings aside, but instead giving him reassurance, advice and tools for each objection. Amazingly enough, even the fifth time when Moses said, "Not me! Pick someone else to do this," God didn't give up on him and kick him to the curb, although He was frustrated to the point of anger. He flexed and worked with Moses' insecurity and lack of trust by giving him Aaron to do the actual speaking.

I wonder if the reason God was angry was because Moses had focused on himself and his own flaws rather than trusting in God and His promise to come alongside him and give him everything he needed to do the job.

God completely understands our issues and fears, and always gracious, won't override or control our choices. But He does want us to partner with Him and has promised to be with us and give us whatever we need to bring about His good purposes, for His glory – not ours. Contrary to what we may think, His power is often seen through *His* ability to work through our weaknesses and failures.

What is keeping you on the sidelines?

Daily Scriptures

MONDAY

Philippians 2: 13 (NIV)

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

TUESDAY

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

WEDNESDAY

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works together with those who love him to bring about what is good—with those who have been called according to His purpose.

THURSDAY

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 (NLT)

So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from

FRIDAY

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NLT)

This is what the Lord says: "Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

Doing Your Part

SOUL PRACTICE

Surrender

"What do you have in your hand?" For Moses, it was just a stick. In God's hand, it became a sign that would demonstrate His power to others. **(See Exodus 4:1-5)**

Make a list of all the reasons you think God can't or won't work through you. For example: Not talented, no outstanding skills or the right credentials, not enough money, don't know enough about the Bible, poor health, too busy, your past sins, too late for you, etc.

When you're done, write out **2 Corinthians 4:7** underneath:
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Then start a second list, under this heading: "What do you have in your hand?"
Offer both lists to God.

Wise Words

The fact is that there is nothing that we are doing that God could not raise up a stone in the field to do for him.

M. Basil Pennington, *Finding Grace at the Center*

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