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was a deserter. Jacob was a deceiver. David had an affair. Abraham was too old. David was too young. Peter was afraid of a servant girl. Paul was a murderer, as was Moses. Jonah ran from God. Gideon and Thomas both doubted. Elijah ran away. Martha was always worrying. Noah got drunk. Moses was hot-tempered.

We are not an impressive lot, but Jesus is an impressive Saviour. He is superb in who He is and in all that He does. God doesn't call many wise, mighty and noble (1 Cor. 1:26). The truth is, we are so flawed that each one of us is unworthy to be called into the service of the Lord Jesus. Yet, there is no bruised reed whom Christ cannot restore and heal. Not one of His people has gone beyond His grace. Not one of us is useless. Perhaps too many people have told us that we are useless, and that God has finished with us. Oh, and yes, that quiet, accusing, inward voice has continually endorsed that sentiment. But God does not go down to Perfect Street to choose His material. God can and does use the unusable.

Have you failed the Lord in the past? Take it to the Lord, confess your sins, and then move on with life. You are made righteous by the blood of the Lamb (Romans 5:9; Hebrews 9:22; 1 John 1:7; Romans 3:25). If God can use the dead, dried jawbone of an old donkey (Judges 15:11-17), He can use you, and He can use me.

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