

The Master's Men, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 10:2-4.

B. What kind of people did Jesus use, and, therefore, what kind of people does God use?

II. Whenever one questions whether God can use him or her, all he needs to do is look at the surprising men God used in the Bible. Jesus gave the disciples grand promises that they would be ambassadors in the kingdom. (Matthew 19:28)

III. Philipp. (John 1:43; 4; 12:20)

A. Philipp was immediately evangelistic.

B. Philipp had little sense of the impossible--he was a facts and figures kind of person.

C. Philipp is the leader of the ignorant and the fool-hearted. It is wonderful that the Lord uses this kind of people.

IV. Bartholomew (Nathaniel). (John 1:43)

A. Nathaniel was a student of Scripture and a seeker of truth.

B. Nathaniel was prejudiced, however, which kept him from the truth.

C. Jesus reached out to Nathaniel, and he believed because of Jesus' act of omniscience. Jesus' promised he would see a lot more than this.

D. God could use a slow meditative soul even like Nathaniel.

V. The Lord wants to use you.

Application questions:

1. Compare and contrast Philipp and Nathaniel. How are they similar? How are they different?

2. What about both characters makes Jesus' choice to invest in them surprising?

3. What are some challenges you face that make it difficult to believe that God can use you?
How has this message affected you in light of them?
