

## *The Message Notes*

**Message:** *Who God Uses*

**Sunday:** December 27, 2020



**Text: 2 Chronicles 16:9.** The **eyes** of the Lord **search** the **whole earth** in order to **strengthen** those whose **hearts** are **fully committed** to him. What a fool you have been! From now on you will be at war. (NLT)

**Topic:** *Who God Uses* - "When God uses you, everything has the potential to go from the ordinary to extraordinary. It is the **creator** interactive with the **created**."

- God uses people He has **chosen**:

**St. John 15:16.** You didn't choose me. **I chose you**. I **appointed** to go and **produce** lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. (NLT)

- God uses people whose **hearts** are **committed**:

**2 Chronicles 16:9a.** The **eyes** of the Lord **search** the **whole earth** in order to **strengthen** those whose **hearts** are **fully committed** to him.

"The heart is the seat of your **affections**."

**Jeremiah 17:10a.** But I, the Lord **search** all **hearts** and examine secret motives. (NLT)

**Jeremiah 3:15.** And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding. (NLT)

**Talk:** God uses Christ followers whose hearts are **fully committed**. Here are three characteristics of a fully committed heart:

**PT1.** You're \_\_\_\_\_ – you can **hear God**

**John 10:27.** **My** sheep listen to my **voice**; I know them, and they **follow** me. (NLT)

**Revelation 2:7.** "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God. (NLT)

- Spirit – intuition (sixth sense)
- Audible – spoken word
- Scriptures – written word

**Hebrews 3:7.** That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear his voice, don't **harden** your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness.

**PT2.** You're \_\_\_\_\_ – you're **obedient**

**Acts 13:22.** But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man **after my own heart**. He will do **everything** I want him to do.'

**Acts 17:11.** And the people of Berea were more **open minded** than those in Thessalonica, and they **listened** eagerly to Paul's message. They **searched** the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. **12.** As a result, many Jews **believed**, as did many of the prominent Greek women and men. (NLT)

**PT3.** You're \_\_\_\_\_ – you're **available**

**Mark 1:17.** Jesus **called out** to them, "**Come, follow me**, and I will show you how to fish for people!" **18.** And they **left their nets** at once and followed him. (NLT)

**Luke 9:59.** He said to another person, "Come, follow me." The man agreed, but he said, "Lord, **first** let me return home and bury my father." **60.** But Jesus told him, "Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God." (NLT)

**Luke 14:33.** So you cannot become my **disciple** without giving up everything you own. (NLT)

**Isaiah 6:8.** Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. **Send me.**" **9.** And he said, "Yes, go, and say to this people, 'Listen carefully, but do not understand.' **10.** Harden the hearts of these people. Plug their ears and shut their eyes. That way, they will not see with their eyes, nor hear with their ears, nor understand with their hearts and turn to me for healing."

**Takeaway:** God uses Christ followers who have fully committed hearts. These hearts have the following characteristics:

PT1. You're \_\_\_\_\_

PT2. You're \_\_\_\_\_

PT3. You're \_\_\_\_\_