

A top-down view of several hands reaching towards the center, each holding a light blue puzzle piece. The pieces are arranged in a circular pattern, with some already interlocked and others being placed. The background is a soft-focus image of people's clothing and skin tones, creating a sense of a diverse group working together.

God Wants To Use Us All

A background image showing several hands of different people reaching in from the edges of the frame to assemble light blue puzzle pieces in the center. The puzzle pieces are interlocking, and the hands are positioned as if they are about to complete the assembly. The overall tone is collaborative and hopeful.

God Wants to Speak to Us

- * from His Word
- * through the LIVING Word, Jesus
- * through an inner impression
- * through other people
- * through an audible voice
- * through dreams and visions
- * through angelic visitation
- * through signs and co-incidences
- * through our conscience in His still small voice



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- * for His glory**
- * for the fulfilment of His plans and purposes**

**And it doesn't matter
how we perceive ourselves!**

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Excuses, excuses, excuses!

Right from the Garden of Eden to this very moment in time!

Nothing new under the sun, God's heard it all before!

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In Exodus 3 & 4, Moses asked God:

- * Who am I?**
- * Who has sent me, what is His name?**
- * They will not believe me.**
- * I cannot speak.**
- * Please Lord - send someone else!**

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In Judges 6, Gideon told God:

- * I am poor, insignificant and way too young**
- * I need more proof**

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In Jeremiah we read that God calls Jeremiah as a prophet:

- * I do not know how to speak because I am a youth**
- * 17 years old apparently!**
- * God replies emphatically and Jeremiah fulfils His plans**



Jonah called as a prophet to Ninevah:

(Gentile people in Syria whom Jonah possibly didn't like!)

*** Jonah openly rebelled but after some pretty amazing diversions they did repent.**



New Testament Excuses:

I can't do what You require Lord because...

- * I need to bury my dead
- * I have married a wife
- * I have bought some land
- * I can't possibly sell all I have & follow You
- * I'm busy with domestic chores

Luke 9:62

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**God knows His plans for us
We need to ask Him to reveal those
We need to ask His help in being obedient to fulfil them**

Age No Barrier or Excuse!

- * Joseph - youngest sibling thought to be in his teens
- * Miriam - a young girl, watched over her baby brother Moses hidden in the river
- * Daniel - in his teens in the lion's den
- * Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego also teens
- * Ruth - widowed in her 20's, changed from her gods to Yahweh
- * Esther - in her teens, used to save her entire nation in a foreign land
- * Josiah - became King at 8 and reigned well for 31 years

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- * Samuel - dedicated as a baby, taken to the temple to serve the Lord from a very young age
- * David - youngest of 8 siblings not considered worthy to meet Samuel the prophet
- * Mary - a young teen pledged to be married, bears the Saviour.
- * 11 faithful disciples - widely accepted that they were between 13 & 30 years of age!
- * Timothy - told by Paul don't let others look down on you because of your age, work with me!
- * John the Revelator was in his 90's and had just been boiled in oil!

The Welsh Revival 1904 - Evan Roberts

- * coal miner at 12, saved at 13, impacted by these words:
“What if the Holy Spirit should come in one of our services and you were not present?”
- * never missed a church service or mid-week meeting
- * prayed and implored the Lord to send His Spirit to Wales
- * 25 when he awoke one night and found himself in the presence of the Lord
- * saw Wales powerfully transformed for God - effects still felt today!

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Azusa Street, Los Angeles 1906

- * led by William Seymour, age 34, son of African slaves, blind in one eye
- * preached on baptism in the Holy Spirit - locked out of church
- * met in a home, prayed, fasted, preached the Gospel
- * tarried/waited expectantly for the LORD to pour out His Spirit
- * revival continued to 1915

Leonard Ravenhill - Holiness Movement, England

- * born 1907, saved at 13 or 14
- * came under the conviction of the Holy Spirit at 15
- * 1930s-40s with other passionate young friends pushed a cart (carrying a tent) the length and breadth of England, several times
- * fasted, prayed, slept rough, ate little but preached the gospel and saw souls saved
- * moved to USA 1958, mentored many, friend of A.W. Tozer, wrote and preached until he died in 1992.

Revival in the Hebrides 1949 -1952

- * Peggy & Christine Smith, 84 & 82 years of age
- * Peggy blind & Christine crippled with arthritis, unable to attend church, so they prayed!
- * God gave Peggy a vision of revival coming, they pleaded with God to pour His Spirit out
- * One night the Spirit fell and literally shook the house where church folk were meeting
- * 2nd night a 15 year old boy was converted who became an outstanding helper in this revival.



Evan Roberts...

- * Confess all known sin to God**
- * Put away all doubtful and sinful habits**
- * Obey the Holy Spirit promptly**
- * Confess Christ publicly**

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2 Chronicles 7:13-15

13. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,
14. if My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
15. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

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Hebrews 12:1-2

1. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
2. looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.