



TALK IT OVER

Can God Use This?

BOTTOM LINE

Can God use this? Yes! But will I allow Him to?

CONVERSATION STARTER

Summer's end is cleanup and organize time. What is one thing you know you might not ever use again but you just hang on to it anyway?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCE

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [The Power of Surrender](#) by Rick Warren (35½ min.)

VERSES AND QUOTES

Aaron told them everything the Lord had told Moses, and Moses performed the miraculous signs as they watched. Then the people of Israel were convinced that the Lord had sent Moses and Aaron. When they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped. Exodus 4:30-31 NLT

Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. "I know the Lord has given you this land," she told them. "We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. For we have heard how the Lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below. Joshua 2:8-11 NLT

When Zechariah's week of service in the Temple was over, he returned home. Soon afterward his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant and went into seclusion for five months. "How kind the Lord is!" she exclaimed. "He has taken away my disgrace of having no children." Luke 1:23-25 NLT

"Gaps mean there is a place for another's gifts to be used."

"A disqualification surrendered to God becomes an opportunity."

"If you want to find your purpose, you need to know what breaks your heart."

– Quotes by Sarah Alderfer

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What do you think typically causes people to feel unusable or unworthy in an area? For most of us, comparison is a major issue. Why is comparison so destructive? How did Sarah's illustration of her joy in watching her little daughter Rowen grow impact you in your assessment of what God thinks of you? Aaron and Moses were a wonderful blend of gifts and gaps. Do you see any of that in your home and family? Is there someone in your life filling a gap for you or you for them? It's not a weakness! Discuss what it requires for your "disqualifying sin" to be used by God. Rahab shows us. What were the layers of grief that broke Elizabeth's heart? How did God use her grief? What is a grief in your life God might want to use to help others? How will it require courage to allow God to use your gifts, sin, and grief for others?

ACTION STEP

God wants to use everything in my life. I will surrender this specific thing to Him today for His use: _____

