

Hebrews 11:23-40 NIV

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.^[a]

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning;^[b] they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. ³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Not Perfect But Usable By God
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Pastor Leslie Araki

Intro:

Dale Sanderson and Gerald Chinen camp Keanai Maui

Fish Market and Camp A Week – I didn't know how to share the good news with others, so I just invited them to youth group and Sunday School.

Alan Maeno youth pastor

Nathan Kohashi preceptor to be a chaplain

I) Not perfect but usable:

My name is Les Araki and I do laundry (slide of broken clothes hanger)

My name is Les Araki and I love God and I love fishing. (Slide of picture of fishing pole and possibly Fishing lure with only two barbs)

I took a young man named Matt Hanson, in our college fellowship at Clear Creek Community Church fishing for salmon on the Sandy River. I told him to set the hook if you feel a giggle.

My name is Les Araki and I love Metal detecting. (Picture of Metal detector with missing battery cover)

II) Not perfect but usable by God

Moses: Had a speaking impediment

David committed adultery and murder

The Samaritan woman at the well had five husbands and was living with someone not her husband

Peter was brash and a hothead

Saul/Paul persecuted the church

My name is Les Araki and I have dyslexia.

I couldn't read when I graduated Roosevelt High School in 1981.

I lied and made-up stories about my life to get my high school teachers to pass me.

I was put on probation twice and suspended from UH and finally graduated from UH Hilo in 1995 fourteen years in school.

I learned to share the good news of Jesus Christ the summer after I graduated and found out the secret of evangelism. It is all God. I love Jesus and I love to tell stories.

Conclusion:

Moses, Samson, woman at well, Peter and Paul not perfect but usable by God

Dale Vallejo-Sanderson, Gerald Chinen, Nathan Kohashi, Alan Maeno. Not perfect but usable by God.

You and I are not perfect but usable by God.