

# but God

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## REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I am coming to the cross today and giving my life to Jesus.

## SERMON SUMMARY

Pastor Matt's sermon "But God" explores how the phrase "But I..." hinders people from following God's calling. He gives examples of biblical figures who resisted God's call using this excuse.

The sermon emphasizes that God can work through human weaknesses and that His power is made perfect in weakness. Listeners are encouraged to shift their mindset from "But I..." to "But God..." in order to overcome limitations and fulfill their purpose.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways can focusing on the phrase 'But God...' instead of 'But I...' change our mindset when facing challenges or pursuing our goals? Can you think of a situation in your own life where trusting in God's strength instead of your own could have made a difference?

2. Why does God choose the foolish, the weak, and the lowly to shame the wise and strong? How can recognizing that God uses our weaknesses help us overcome feelings of inadequacy in our lives?
  
3. How can relying on God's grace and strength help us persist in prayer and service, even when we feel inadequate? What is a personal experience you have had where relying on God's grace enabled you to push through a challenging situation?
  
4. How does the Corinthian culture's emphasis on strength and success compare to our current society, and why is it important to counter that with a focus on God's power? In what ways can we, as Christians, challenge society's expectations and focus on God's perspective instead?
  
5. Based on the examples given in the sermon, such as Moses and Gideon, how did they overcome their 'But I...' mindset and fulfill God's calling? Can you identify a personal 'But I...' in your own life, and what steps can you take to trust in God's power instead?

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

- 1 Corinthians 1:26
- 1 Corinthians 1:27-31
- Psalm 73:26
- Matthew 19:26
- 1 Samuel 16:7
- 2 Corinthians 11:23
- 2 Corinthians 12:7
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

## Next Steps

- I will remember God is bigger than my but — one t.
- I will say, “But God,” not “But I.”
- I will not allow insecurity, fear, weakness or worry to prevent me from taking risks for God.
- I will keep praying, serving, dreaming and asking God to use me.

## Prayer Request(s)

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