

LIMITATIONS

- Do you ever feel frustrated or discouraged because of limitations you may have?
- What limitations do you live with?
- How do they keep you from doing the things you'd like to do?

Moses felt he had limitations that made him ill equipped for the work God asked him to do. He pleaded his lack of eloquence as his excuse not to obey. Eugene Peterson wrote the story this way in *The Message*.

Moses raised another objection to God: "Master, please, I don't talk well. I've never been good with words, neither before nor after you spoke to me. I stutter and stammer."

God said, "And who do you think made the human mouth? And who makes some mute, some deaf, some sighted, some blind? Isn't it I, God? So, get going. I'll be right there with you—with your mouth! I'll be right there to teach you what to say."

¹³ He said, "Oh, Master, please! Send somebody else!"

God got angry with Moses: "Don't you have a brother, Aaron the Levite? He's good with words, I know he is. He speaks very well. In fact, at this very moment he's on his way to meet you. When he sees you he's going to be glad. You'll speak to him and tell him what to say. I'll be right there with you as you speak and with him as he speaks, teaching you step by step. He will speak to the people for you. He'll act as your mouth, but you'll decide what comes out of it. Now take this staff in your hand; you'll use it to do the signs."
(Exodus 4:10-17)

This reminds us that God can use all of us. We are weak. We feel inadequate. But God can take weak and inadequate people and work miracles.

- Are you able to consider your limitation a gift?
- Can you let Christ take over in your weakness, making you stronger?

The best servants of God are often the most unexpected. In spite of handicaps and adversity, many have accomplished more than anyone would have dreamed.

Beethoven was totally deaf during the last eight years of his life. But it was during those years that he wrote his Ninth Symphony which has been acclaimed as his greatest work. He himself never heard it.

John Milton wrote his magnificent epic, *Paradise Lost*, after some ten or twelve years of total blindness. He turned tragedy into triumph.

God is looking for people who will take what they have in their hands and put it in His hands! God will do unbelievable things with all of us if we make ourselves available to Him!