

# GOD'S UNLIKELY HEROES

## MAIN TAKEAWAY

The apostles were hand-picked by Jesus, and these unlikely heroes changed the world. Jesus does not merely see you for what you are, but for what you can become—God loves to turn *messes* into *messengers*!

## INTRODUCTION

**Share an example of an unlikely hero. What made the situation so surprising?**

**How does Christ's choosing of the twelve apostles inspire hope that God uses unlikely heroes? How does this reveal the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:26–31)?**

## UNDERSTANDING

**READ LUKE 6:12-16**

**How did prayer impact Jesus' selection of the twelve apostles? How is this an example for us?**

**Pastor Greg shared a quote by Robert Murray M'Cheyne: "If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me." How does Christ's intercession for you provide comfort and strength (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34)?**

**Peter.** How do Peter's highs and lows reveal his humanity and God's power—that he was "hopelessly human and remarkably unremarkable"?

**Andrew.** As a "behind-the-scenes guy who brought people to Jesus," how does Andrew's example encourage you to serve and evangelize?

**James and John.** How does the transformation of the "Sons of Thunder" into a martyr (Acts 12:1–2) and a beloved disciple (John 13:23; 19:26) reveal Jesus' patience and power?

**Philip.** How does Philip's role as the "apostolic administrator" reveal that every role and spiritual gift matters (1 Corinthians 12:21, 27)?

**Thomas.** While he is often labeled as “doubting Thomas,” how does his questioning reveal the need for evidence and conviction in faith?

**Judas Iscariot.** Even though he seemed like a top candidate, how did Judas’ actions reveal the nature of hypocrisy, showing that things aren’t always the way they appear?

## **APPLICATION**

If Jesus felt compelled to pray before choosing His twelve apostles, how much more should we pray? Pastor Greg shared four reasons we should pray. Which of these is most needed in your life right now?

- We should pray because Jesus told us to (Luke 18:1).
- Through prayer, we overcome anxiety and worry (Philippians 4:6).
- Prayer is God’s appointed way for us to obtain things (James 4:2).
- We pray to get wisdom from God (James 1:5).

Pastor Greg explained that the key to these unlikely heroes was the “touch of the Master’s Hand.” How is this seen in your story?

How does the transformation of the disciples encourage you about God’s work in your life as you follow Him? How does this shape your perspective about the future?

## **PRAYER**

Thank Jesus that He chooses unlikely heroes! Like the apostles, follow Jesus and see how He will personally transform you. Pray that you will be a faithful messenger.