

Volume 1, Day 1 — Brave Comradeship of God

“Then He took unto Him the twelve.” -- Luke 18:31

God was brave in trusting me! You say - “But it was certainly not wise to choose me, because there is nothing in me; I am not of any value.” That is **why** He chose you. As long as you think there is something valuable in you, He cannot choose you because you have ends of your own to serve; but once you have let Him convince you to stop pursuing your self-sufficient ends, then He can choose you to go with Him anywhere, and that will mean the fulfillment of purposes which He may not even discuss with you.

We are likely to say that because a man has natural ability, he would make a good Christian. It is not a question of our abilities but of our humility; not of what we bring with us, but of what God puts into us. It is not a question of natural virtues of strength of character, knowledge, and experience - all that is of no avail in this matter. The only thing of value is that we are consumed by the big compelling of God and made His comrades.

The comradeship of God is with men who know their poverty. He can do nothing with the man who thinks that he is of use to God. As Christians we are not fulfilling our own cause at all! We are only interested in the cause of God, which can never be our cause. We do not know what God wants specifically, but we must maintain our relationship with Him whatever happens to us. We must never allow anything to injure our relationship with God. If it does get injured, we must take time to heal it. *“The main thing about Christianity is not the work we do, but the relationship we maintain and the atmosphere produced by that relationship.”* That is all God asks us to nurture, and it is the one thing that is being continually ignored.

My Utmost for His Highest - Oswald Chambers