



If someone were to use a few words to describe you, what would they say? Or better yet, what would you want them to say? For Peter and John, as they stood before the most qualified, revered, and educated leaders of their day, they were described with two words that are rarely celebrated. These two words shape everything we come to understand about following Jesus because they're not typically words that the world embraces. What we see in this text, is that these two words meant to undo them are actually the words that God uses to unleash them.

— Our mission for 2024: To _____ the full force of the church to love people _____ at a time.

— We must all understand we are part of what the Bible calls "the _____ of _____ believers." (1 Peter 2:5, 9)

— The leash that holds so many believers back is that we feel _____.

— The case can be made that _____ and _____ were unqualified.

— Jesus loves to take people who are unqualified and _____ them for his _____.

— Peter and John show extraordinary _____.

— Unleashing the full force of the church happens when _____ followers of Jesus show _____ compassion.

— Acts of compassion give _____ to the Gospel and create _____ to connect people to Jesus.

— Unleashing the full force of the church happens when _____ people start speaking with _____.

— Unleashing the full force of the church happens when ordinary people _____ with Jesus.