

The Vulnerability of the Called

Scripture

“It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.” — Psalm 18:32 (NIV)

Main Idea

The call of God is a gift—but it doesn’t make you invincible. It often exposes your weaknesses and tempts you to lean on flesh, time, or people instead of God.

1. Vulnerable to the Flesh

- Abraham and Sarah grew impatient with God’s promise.
- In their own strength, they birthed Ishmael—something that looked like the promise but wasn’t.
- What we produce in the flesh often competes with what God intends by the Spirit.

2. Vulnerable to Timing

- Delay can make us restless.
- Rushing ahead of God leads to mistakes.
- God’s promises always align with His timetable, not ours.

3. Vulnerable to People

- Waiting can make us overly conscious of what others think.
- But people didn’t call you—God did.
- Approval from man is never the measure of your calling.

The Good News

- Even in failure, God remains faithful.
- Abraham and Sarah’s mistake didn’t cancel the promise—Isaac still came.
- Your vulnerability doesn’t disqualify you; it draws you back to dependence on God.

Reflection

Where are you vulnerable today?

- Are you striving in your flesh?
- Rushing God’s timing?



- Seeking people's approval?
Surrender again—God will finish what He started.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for calling me. Forgive me for impatience and for leaning on my own strength. Help me wait faithfully, walk in step with Your Spirit, and trust Your timing. In Jesus' name, Amen.