

No Excuses: The God Who Sees Beyond Shortcomings

– Pastor Mark Pope

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1. Pastor Mark opened his talk by telling the story of Shaquem Griffin, the football player who despite having only one hand is one of the best linebackers in the NFL. Can you think of others who have achieved great things even though they may have a “legitimate excuse” to give up?
2. Pastor Mark shared the interaction between Moses and God was a lengthy interaction (Read Exodus 3:1 – 4:17). How many excuses can you identify that Moses offered God?
3. God can use you, as he did Moses, David, Paul and many others in Scripture. Do you have a sense of God calling you to do something? Please share.
4. What excuses have you used in your life that keeps you from stepping out in faith and doing what God is calling you to do? After listening to this week’s message do you believe Satan could be behind those excuses?
5. One of the points of the message was “The first reason Moses should go is because he isn’t going alone”. Tell about a time when you followed God’s leading and felt totally accompanied by the Holy Spirit?
6. John 16:33 says “In the world you will have trouble but take courage; I have overcome the world.” How does this victory help you overcome your excuses?
7. Read John 14:16 and Hebrews 13:5 Are you a spiritual procrastinator? How does knowing God will not leave you at any time help build your confidence to step out in faith? What will you do with that confidence?
8. During his talk, Pastor Mark made a comment that spiritual maturity does not mean distance from God. Brainstorm ideas that each person in the group can take to avoid distance from God.