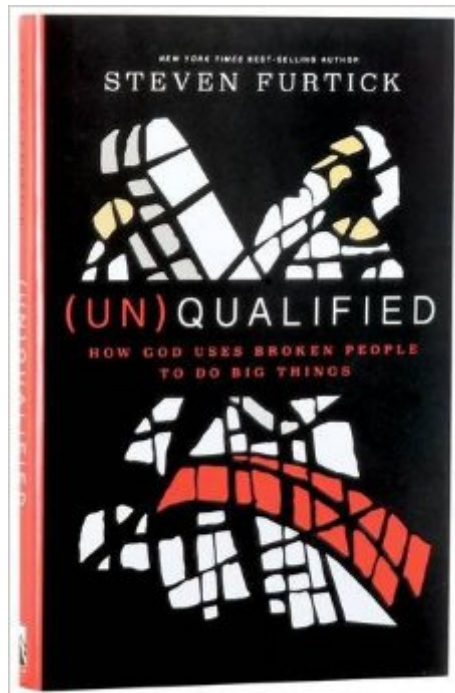


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# (Un)Qualified: How God Uses Broken People To Do Big Things



## Synopsis

Who You Think You Are is Not as Important as Who God Says You Are— Many of us wrestle with the gap between our weaknesses and our dreams, between who we are and who God says we are meant to be. We feel unqualified to do God's work or to live out the calling we imagine. But God has a way of using our weaknesses for good. In fact, God loves unqualified people. In *(Un)Qualified*, Pastor Steven Furtick helps you peel back the assumptions you've made about yourself and see yourself as God sees you. Because true peace and confidence come not from worldly perfection but from acceptance: God's acceptance of you, your acceptance of yourself, and your acceptance of God's process of change. This is a book about understanding your identity in light of who God is. It's a book about coming to terms with the good, the bad, and the unmentionable in your life and learning to let God use you. It's about charging into the gap between your present and your hopes and meeting God there. After all, God can't bless who you pretend to be. But he longs to bless who you really are; a flawed and broken person. Good thing for us that God is in the business of using broken people to do big things. — Being Unqualified Is God's Favorite Qualification — Our culture tells us that the answer to our failures is to fix them. The solution to our weaknesses is to hide them. The secret to our success is to appear as flawless as possible. But God's qualifying system is different than the world's. So is his view of our weaknesses, our purpose, and our true selves. In *(Un)Qualified*, Steven Furtick explores who God is as the great *Āel AM*, and then helps us discover our own identity. Delving into the story of Jacob, Furtick invites us to acknowledge our weaknesses and ask God to work through them. The truth is, God has created us to be more, to accomplish more, and to love life more than we ever thought possible. But to become who he has called us to be, we must embrace who we are right now. *(Un)Qualified* equips us to face obstacles and failures without losing a sense of purpose. We can have a thriving sense of hope that God is working in us and through us, not in spite of our weaknesses but often as a direct result of them.

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I don't know Steven Furtick, but I guess John MacArthur does. During an interview, when asked for a word association with Furtick's name, MacArthur simply replied "unqualified." He did not elaborate. Furtick, like MacArthur, has an M.Div. from a historic, respected seminary. MacArthur does not have any higher earned degrees. MacArthur is about 40 years older than Furtick, so clearly has quite a bit more experience as an author and teacher. So why unqualified? Unqualified for what? I don't know much about the two pastors or their relationship, but MacArthur's comment seemed ungracious and unnecessarily unkind. The cool thing is, MacArthur's comment seems to have bothered me more than it bothered Furtick. In fact, Furtick took MacArthur's assessment as inspiration for his new book, (Un)qualified: How God Uses Broken People to Do Big Things. Furtick writes that we define ourselves with statements of "I am \_\_\_\_\_." It's that third word that makes the difference. Jesus changed Simon, the fisherman, to Peter, the rock. Unqualified to qualified. In the same way, God wants to take our doubts about who we are and give us a new identity. A new third word. We might tend to focus on our sins and shortcomings, our unworthiness. In Christ, we are made new, accepted by God. We focus on our own sin, and fail to share the love and grace of God with the needy world around us. Furtick writes, "It might be time to figure out who you really are and to value the real you as much as God does." Furtick spends a lot of time talking about Jacob, who required a great deal of re-identification. After deceiving his brother, marrying Rachel and Leah, and heading back toward his homeland, he meets a mysterious stranger with whom he wrestles all night.

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