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But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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How, When, or Where will God Use Me?

Have you ever asked yourself, “How, When, or Where is God going to use me?” or “Why isn't God using me?” What if He has been trying, but you weren't ready or willing?

Consider your life. Look back and think about certain situations or predicaments that you have found yourself in over the past few years. Have you ever had someone talk to you out of the blue, or sit next to you and strike up a conversation. Have you ever wondered to yourself, maybe God was trying to use me then, but I didn't do anything?

About two months ago this happened to me. I was in Best Buy while out of town, I was wandering the store wasting time, and out of the blue a young man started talking to me. We spoke about the usual things, if we had a family, what we did for a living, etc. When I told him that I preached, he began to ask me about where, what, why, how. What do you think I did?

Most of you may think that I gave him my complete focus, that I spoke with him about Christ, what the bible teaches, and how God loves him. Wrong. Sadly, I must say that I paid little attention to him, as I was trying to watch a movie on a TV in the store. Where was I when God tried to use me? To busy wasting time, watching a movie I cared little about, because I was to “busy.” Where have you been when God has tried to use you?

How, When, or Where will God Use Me?

- * God uses His people to spread His message and to give Him glory.

Our case studies—Philip, Paul & Silas, Joseph, Esther

- * Philip— Acts 8 : 26–40

“Arise and go...”

What did Philip do?

- * Paul & Silas—Acts 16 : 25–34

What were Paul & Silas doing?

Singing and Praying

What did they ultimately achieve?

Speaking the word of the Lord to the keeper

- * Joseph—Genesis 37ff

Joseph had a rough beginning—but God was with him.

Joseph interprets dreams

Joseph rises to power and saves his family

- * Esther

Esther is put in a position to help—although she does not realize it.

Mordecai reveals to Esther—This may be your moment.

- * Has God tried to use you?

Be ready, so when He does, you can be used.