

Message Title: Have You Ever Felt Used PT-1

Theme: This starts with several illustrations of how people use each other, some intentional, some unintentional and also how we use our family without realizing it. Then it moves on to the pertinent question, have you ever made God feel used. There are many places in scripture that tell us how God feels when we try to use Him, but they are seldom noticed.

We have the same idea about God that children have about their parents. Parents are providers, protectors, rule makers, law enforcers and educators that love us, but instead of returning that love with a sense of appreciation we circumvent their efforts and get away with what we want in secret. Making matters worse, our nature is one of rebellion that manifests itself when we don't get what we want. We become sullen or peevish to show our displeasure with those in charge.

God deals differently with us than our parents and especially those who become born again into His family through the miracle of salvation. His purpose in giving us freedom is to expose our will. Will we choose what He wants or what we want? This was the choice God gave Adam and Eve and the one gives each one of us every day.

Salient Points: Conmen, Will work for food, Left paying the bill, Using others, Using spouses, The hungry drunk, Who controls the TV, Making God feel used, Existing for His pleasure, Making deals with God, No fear of God, Excuses, Moral character has disappeared, The Angel of the Lord, You can't fool God, We can't anticipate God's responses, What makes a difference to God, Vanity of vanities, When God says be quiet, Who are we, We don't understand how important salvation is, What God keeps secret, Paul's thorn in the flesh, Being in awe of God, It's not to make us feel bad.

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may

stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought the speaker to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of his dying wife. It reads, ***“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me”***. Following this he prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can". The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again". He describes it like application of (2 Corinthians 3:18), "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord". Truly a life changing experience as God increases and we automatically decrease.