

**SUNDAY DISCUSSION GUIDE: October 10, 2010**  
**Route 66 (a spiritual journey through God's 66 books)**  
**"THE UNLIKELIEST DRIVER"**  
**Highway: United Kingdom**

**TALK ABOUT IT**

1. Who are these people who were unlikely to succeed?
  - a. This household name dropped out of high school and applied to attend film school three times but was unsuccessful due to his C grade average.
  - b. His music teacher once told him that he was "a hopeless composer."
  - c. This former US President was rejected by the US Military & Naval Academies due to his poor eyesight. Some of his jobs: clerk in a mailroom and an usher in a movie theater.
  - d. This baseball legend struck out 1,330 times.
  - e. A Harvard dropout who never finished school but impacts our lives daily.
  - f. He failed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and had a speech impediment but was voted "the most important Briton in history."
  - g. He was turned down for an engineering job by Toyota after World War II.
  
2. While God gives all people skills and talents, what qualities do unlikely successful people possess and activate?

**DIG INTO IT**

1. Why were the following people unlikely leaders?  
Moses (read Exodus 3:9-14, 4:1-3, 10-13)  
David (read I Samuel 16:7-8, 11)  
Jeremiah (read Jeremiah 1:4-8)
  
2. Israel's great king David had a Moabite great grandmother (Ruth)—very unlikely, but God's will. Why unlikely? What king would want to admit that his family got its start from a drunken old man (Lot, Abraham's nephew) who impregnated his daughter? That's where the Moabites came from—that's the family heritage Ruth brought to her marriage. Besides her heritage, what adversity did Ruth face in her life? (read Ruth 1:1-5)
  
3. How did Ruth respond to this adversity? (read Ruth 1:15-22; 2:1-7)
  
4. How does God reward the Moabite (and convert to the God of Abraham) Ruth's faithfulness, love and care for her mother-in-law? (read Ruth 4:13-17; Matthew 1:1, 5-6)

**DISCUSS IT**

1. Tell of a person whom the world may see as insignificant, but God used as a positive influence in your life.
2. Adversity or anonymity – God can use you for his glory. Name some ways God has already called you to serve and the satisfaction you've received?
3. What are some special ways God may be calling you to use your skills for his glory?

**PRAY ABOUT IT**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes and give us zeal to use our skills for your glory and the good of others..