

SERMON NOTES

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CHOSEN BY GOD

1. **GOD IS THE ONE WHO CHOOSES** - **John 15:16** — “*Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you...*”
 - The disciples had made a decision to follow Jesus, but Jesus wanted them to understand that their relationship with Him began with His choice and His calling.
 - We are chosen by grace, not because we earned it.
 - We are chosen to go, serve, bear fruit, influence, and fulfill God's purpose.
2. **WE ARE CHOSEN IN CHRIST** - **Ephesians 1:3-4**
 - God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.
 - God's plan for us existed before we understood it.
 - Our identity begins with God's choice, not human approval.
 - You are not an accident—you are part of God's purpose.
3. **WE ARE CHOSEN THROUGH THE FIRE** - **Isaiah 48:10** — “*I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.*”
 - God can use difficult seasons to test, refine, and prepare those He has chosen.
 - Being chosen does not eliminate the battle; it gives the battle meaning.
 - The fire can remove what does not belong.
 - God uses testing to develop our character.
4. **GOD CAN CHOOSE THE UNEXPECTED** - **1 Samuel 16:1-12**
 - When Samuel came to Jesse's house to anoint the next king, God did not choose according to outward appearance. He chose David, the youngest son who was overlooked by others.
 - “*Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.*”
 - Your present position does not determine your future purpose.
 - Being overlooked by people does not mean being overlooked by God.
5. **WE ARE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT GOD** - **1 Peter 2:9**
 - We are described as a chosen generation, royal priesthood, holy nation, and peculiar people.
 - We are chosen to belong to God; to display His character; to proclaim His praises; to walk in the light He has given us.
 - God did not choose us merely to receive His blessings; He chose us to represent Him.
6. **WE ARE CHOSEN FOR A PURPOSE** - **Acts 9:15**
 - God said concerning Saul: “*He is a chosen vessel unto me...*”
 - Saul—later known as Paul—was chosen for a specific assignment.
 - Your testimony can become part of your ministry.
 - God can transform your past and use your life for His glory.
7. **WE ARE CHOSEN TO BELONG TO GOD** - **Deuteronomy 7:6**
 - Israel was called a holy people and a people chosen to be God's special possession.
 - God's choice was not based on their population, but on His love for them and faithfulness to their forefathers.
 - Being chosen should produce humility, not pride.

8. **WE ARE CHOSEN BEFORE WE ARE BORN** - Jeremiah 1:5

- God told Jeremiah: *"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee..."*
- God knew Jeremiah, sanctified him, and appointed him before his birth.
- God knows us completely.
- God's purpose can precede our awareness of it.
- Our calling is not dependent upon human recognition.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHOSEN?

1. Chosen means we are **KNOWN**
 - God knows who we are and what He has called us to do.
2. Chosen means we are **SEPARATED**
 - God calls us to live differently from the world.
3. Chosen means we are **REFINED**
 - God will take us through seasons that develop and prepare us.
4. Chosen means we are **PURPOSEFUL**
 - God has an assignment connected to our lives.
5. Chosen means we are **RESPONSIBLE**
 - God expects us to respond to His calling with obedience.
6. Chosen means we are **SENT**
 - We are chosen not only to receive from God but to serve and represent Him.