

## You Are Chosen

### **Ready:**

"You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you." -- John 15:16

### **Set**

It's tempting to look for belonging with coaches or teammates, or just about anyone we look up to. And for a while, we might measure up and find what we're looking for. But people will let us down, reacting from limited human emotion and understanding. Only God can fill this deep desire in our hearts to belong.

God is constant and unchanging, and the way He views us is enough.

He has chosen you to be His son or daughter, and in His eyes, when you come to Him through His Son Jesus Christ, you are forever on His team and accepted into His family. You were created to belong in this family.

Jesus has chosen us in love for a deeper relationship and to advance His light into a dark world. We've been handpicked for His team, and He has specific reasons for each of us.

Why have we been chosen?

### **To Know**

We've been chosen and appointed by God to be fully embraced in Him. When our identity is deeply wrapped in who we are as His child, we can stand firm in the unshakable truth that nothing can separate us from God's love. He offers us unending grace, mercy and compassion.

### **To Grow**

Evidence of an abundant relationship with the Lord includes steady growth and lives that produce fruit. What fruit? Lasting fruit is beneficial not only for our own walks with God but also for the benefit and growth of those around us.

God did not intend for us to store up what we learn for ourselves. He wants us to share His love with others for the good of our brothers and sisters and the glory of God.

### **To Go**

An identity rooted in Christ will reveal a bigger purpose. It will show how we are part of a bigger plan that God has been weaving together since the beginning of time. God has been orchestrating a plan that encompasses not just our lives but the plan of mankind. This plan is currently working its way through history, and we get to be a part of it! There are places He wants us to go and take the message of salvation.

You don't need to look outside of God's love to feel chosen or picked. With Him, you have everything you need in Christ to live an abundant life. Stop obsessing over whether you fit in or if you'll make the cut. With God, you already do.

## Go

- What is the difference between being chosen by the world and being chosen by God?
- What does it feel like to be chosen by God?
- How can you embrace the truth that you have been called and chosen by God to know Him personally and share Him with those around you?

## Workout

John 17:3; 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Peter 3:18

## Overtime

“Father God, thank You so much for choosing me and appointing me to be Your child. Thank You that You love me before I ever loved You and that You have good plans for my life to grow me and bring me closer to You. Help me to keep trusting in Your sovereignty, and to share Your goodness with those around me. In Jesus' name, amen.”



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