

Choosing Sides

Ready:

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you. I appointed you that you should go out 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

When I was a kid, our neighborhood basketball court — the kind with the chain nets — was the place where everybody went to play the best basketball.

One day, I was chosen by a college player to be on his team — something I really didn't want to do. To me, the opposing team looked a lot more capable of winning. The college player said to me, “You don't want to be on our team, do you? I *chose* you, but I can tell that you don't want to be on our team.” I hadn't said a word to him about it, but my body language had betrayed my thoughts. He agreed to let me change teams; our team lost.

When God chooses us and invites us to follow Him, thank goodness He doesn't change His mind if we don't look like we're much of a Christian from time to time! In fact, the Bible says that He will leave the flock of 99 to search the hills for the one lost sheep ([Luke 15:4](#)).

Even when we don't make winning decisions, Jesus remains faithful in His devotion to us. And if, for some reason, we get a little distracted, He stands waiting for our return to His side.

Go

- What temptations do you face that keep you from being all-in for God?
- How can His devotion *to* you inspire devotion *from* you?

Workout

[Joshua 24:14-15](#); [1 Corinthians 15:58](#)

Overtime

“Thank You, God, for seeking me and choosing me to be Your disciple! I ask that You would help me to bear fruit today that reflects Your devotion. Amen.”



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