



“Why Did God Chose Me?”

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

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Introduction: Know this, God didn't choose you because you were ready. When it comes to you stepping into your calling to serve and lead, it's never the right time. God never asks you to see the other side of the split sea, He simply asks you to step into the mud. Again, God didn't choose you because you were ready. He chose you because He was!

We keep waiting to feel qualified before we say yes. Waiting until the fear settles, the doubts clear, the past stops speaking and the weakness stops showing. We tell ourselves we need more time and more evidence that we are the right person for what God has placed on our lives. Heaven has never operated on human readiness. Every person God called in scripture was mid-struggle, mid-failure, or mid-wilderness when the assignment arrived. The call did not wait for the person to be finished. It came because God was.

Examples:

Moses stuttered, questioned and argued with God.

David was overlooked by his own father.

Gideon was hiding in a winepress.

Rehab carried a past that should have disqualified her from the story entirely.

Peter swore he did not know Jesus the night it mattered most.

Paul spent years destroying the very thing God would later use him to build.

Not one of them was selected because they had arrived. Every one of them was chosen in the middle of what should have made them unusable! The statement Christ chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong was never poetic language. It was operational Theology!

What About My Failures?

You keep rehearsing your disqualifications as though God has not already read your file! Every failure you carry, every compromise you regret, every season you wish you could erase, God was present for all of it. He watched it unfold. He knew the cost. And He still spoke your name into the assignment. Not because He missed the details. But because the details were never enough to disqualify what He authored before the foundation of the world.

The Satan Factor:

The enemy does not need you to abandon your faith. He only needs you to delay your obedience. If Satan can keep you circling the question of whether you are worthy, he never has to face what happens when you actually step into what God prepared for you. Delay disguised as discernment has kept more callings buried than outright rebellion ever could. Some of you are not in sin like Paul was, you're in hesitation, and hesitation, when God has already spoke, carries it's own weight.

Stop acting like God blessed everyone else but He overlooked you! Because your history is too specific, too severe and too recent! That kind of theology sounds humble, but it is quietly calling God a liar.

God said, *'all things work together for good'*, and that *'His strength is made perfect in weakness'*, so your weakness is not the obstacle. Your agreement with the lie that you are the exception is.

In Closing: God did not choose you because you had it all together. He chose you because His power was never contingent on your perfection! His selection of you was not an accident; a second choice nor a consolation. It was intentional, sovereign, and sealed before you ever sinned, struggled, or questioned whether you were enough. You were chosen in full view of everything you would become, everything you fail, and everything you would fear. And He still said yes!!

Stop waiting to feel worthy of the thing God already assigned to you. Worthiness was never the criteria. Willingness was. And the moment you stop negotiating with your insufficiency and start walking in the identity Heaven already confirmed, you will

discover that God builds through surrendered people and has never been limited by their weakness. It has only ever been limited by their delay.

In **2 Timothy 1:6-7** Paul challenges Timothy to keep his gift stirred up. You are not always in charge of starting the fire, but you are responsible for keeping it burning. No one should have to keep you stirred up! There should be an inner flame that you fan when needed. In **verse 7**, Paul talks about fear and being timid. When Peter was walking on water he shifted his eyes from Jesus, that's why he began to sink. Never let your eyes talk you out of what's in your heart. Timidity is where we get the word intimidation, which is getting into a person's head. You're so intent that you're going to lose, that you don't engage.