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BIBLE STUDY - SERIES 2 - LESSON #8

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LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JEREMIAH: CHOSEN BY GOD

DEFINITION: CHOSEN – One who is the object of choice; who is given preference, selected; called

MEMORY VERSE: "However, you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people who belong to God. You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities of God, who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9)

- 1) **Read Jeremiah 1:4-5.** Write in your own words **when** did God choose Jeremiah and **what** did he choose him to do and be.

- 2) Do you believe that God has also chosen you and if so, what has He chosen you to do?

- 3) What was Jeremiah's response to the call of God? (**Jeremiah 1:6**)

A) How do you interpret Jeremiah's response? Was it an "excuse" or "fact" _____

- 4) Read **Jeremiah 1:4-5** again and compare Jeremiah's response to what God had already spoken to him _____

- 5) Explain in your own words God's response (**Jeremiah 1:7-8**) _____

- 6) Those who are chosen by God, He also equips to do the work. Read **(Jeremiah 1:9)**
Explain what God did to equip Jeremiah for the specific work that He chose him to do.
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- 7) God does not choose a person based on where or what he/she is presently, but based upon what He plans to do in and with a person who surrenders to His call. Read **(Jeremiah 1:10)** and write in your own words the specific task God chose Jeremiah to do.
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- 8) Read **Exodus Chapter 3 and 4**. Who did God choose and list some of his “excuses why He felt he should not have been chosen: Who _____
- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 9) God created and chose every person to do something specific in the earth. Read the following Scriptures and name the Men and Women who were chosen by God:
- a) Genesis 1:26, 29 _____ and _____ b) Genesis 12: 1-4 _____
- c) Matt. 10:1-40 _____ Acts 9:1-30 & Acts 13:9 _____ / _____
- d) Judges chapt. 4 & 5 _____ Esther 4:1-27 _____ 1 Peter 2:9 _____
- 10) The Bible teaches us that God has chosen us and has a purpose for everyone’s life. Read the following Scriptures and explain briefly how do these verses apply to you
- Jeremiah 29:11 _____
- Ephesians 4:1-12 _____
- Romans 12:1. _____

Are there any questions or struggles that you have that you would like to share with us to pray for you? Whatever is shared with us will be kept in strict confidence.

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The highest and greatest honor in one's life is to be chosen by God. Regardless of family history, social status, race or whatever we have achieved or done, none of it compares to being a part of God's family and to be chosen to do something specific for God.

Even adverse circumstances which we have encountered do not cancel the plan that God has for our lives. The Bible gives dozens of stories of Men and Women who were chosen by God despite their current situation.

One such person is Gideon. (Judges, chapters 6-8) When God chose him, he was in fear of his enemies, he had doubt that God was with him; he considered his family the weakest among the tribes of Israel and himself the least in his father's house. Yet God referred to him as a "mighty man of valor." God does not see us as we see ourselves, but who He is making us to become.

When Jesus chose His 12 disciples, they were from all different walks of life. Most were "fishermen", uneducated, weak, short-tempered and faithless, Yet He commanded and commissioned them to "come follow me, and I will **make you** fishers of men"

We find the names of the 12 apostles in Matthew 10:2-4, Mark 3:14-19, and Luke 6:13-16: *And when day came, he called his disciples and **chose** from them twelve, whom he named apostles: Simon, whom he named **Peter**, and **Andrew** his brother, and **James** and **John**, and **Philip**, and **Bartholomew**, and **Matthew**, and **Thomas**, and **James the son of Alphaeus**, and **Simon** who was called the Zealot, and **Judas** the son of James, and **Judas Iscariot**, who became a traitor.*

Jesus Christ selected 12 men from among his early followers to become his closest disciples. After an intensive discipleship course and following his resurrection from the dead, the Lord fully commissioned the apostles (Matthew 28:16-2, Mark 16:15) to advance God's kingdom and carry the gospel message to the world.

These men became the pioneering leaders of the New Testament church, but they were not without faults and shortcomings. Interestingly, not one of the chosen 12 disciples was a scholar or rabbi. They had no extraordinary skills. Neither religious, nor refined, they were ordinary people, just like you and me.

But God chose them for a purpose—to fan the flames of the gospel that would spread across the face of the earth and continue to burn bright throughout the centuries to follow. He selected and used each of these regular guys to carry out his exceptional plan.

Likewise today, God is still choosing Men and Women to do His work in the earth. Will you say like the Prophet Isaiah "Here am I Lord, send me." Are you willing to do what Jesus says in Luke 9:13: *Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.*

CHOSEN (God's people called)

Deuteronomy 7:6

Psalm 4:3

1 Corinthians 1:26

Ephesians 1:4

James 2:5

TO LEADERSHIP (examples of)

Abraham

Genesis 12:1

Moses

Exodus 3:10

Exodus 28:1

Exodus 31:2

Deborah

Judges 4:4

Gideon

Judges 6:14

Esther

Esther 4:

Elisha

1 Kings 19:19

Isaiah

Isaiah 6:8

Jeremiah 1:4

Jonah 1:2

Acts 13:2

Acts 16:10

CHOSEN Scriptures:

Colossians 3:12-17

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¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord^[a] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ^[b] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.^[c] ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Chosen" in the Bible: 1 Peter 2:9

God's people are described here as "chosen"-- God has separated them from the rest of the world and claimed them as His own. God has put a personal claim on His followers.

Chosen - Set apart –

The apostle Paul writes of being "set apart" by God for a special purpose when he was a child. The implication is that God has a plan for us from the very beginning of our lives, and that He calls each of us to a specific purpose.