



## I. INTRO

**John 15:16 (NLT) You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.**

- A. God looked down through time...and CHOSE YOU!
  - The Story of Nathaniel—John Chapter 1, verses 43-50
- B. I think it is important that we draw the distinction, because too many times we place the emphasis on MY CHOICE

## II. CHOOSING

- A. My choice/decision is made stronger when I understand a couple things:
  - Why do I even have a choice in the first place? (Freedom)
  - What am I choosing between? (Options)

**Deuteronomy 30:19 (NKJV) I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;**

**Matthew 7:13 (NLT) You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad and its gate is wide for the many who chose the easy way. But the gateway to life is small and the road is narrow, and only a few find it.**

**John 3:16 (NLT) "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.**

- B. ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩΝ (Greek, "Pisteuon") means "believing." The word points to one person, Christ, mentioned previously in this verse as "the only begotten son", and it exhorts an act of continuous belief in Him that brings eternal life while saving us from perishing (literally, "from being destroyed")
  - A decision followed by continuous belief

## III. THE PROCESS

- A. How this continuous belief happens and makes a difference in my life:
  - FIRST - He made the way
  - NEXT - I make a decision (this is NOT PASSIVE—it is intensely ACTIVE)
  - THEN - He provides the power

**2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV) And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

**Acts 1:8 (NKJV) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**



#### IV. GOD DECIDES

- A. He is not a GOD of “whoops” or happenstance
- He designs with intentionality
  - He creates with His Words
  - He orchestrates by divine appointments and favor
  - He redeems and fixes the broken

**We say, “He appears to be a poor judge of us,” because we don’t understand the selection process**

- B. Shepherd boy David
- Warrior David
    - King David
- C. GOD is looking for those will look to Him, and have the AUDACITY to believe HE IS who He SAYS HE IS and will DO what He SAYS HE WILL DO
- Once you decide on Him, and put your trust in Him, and ultimately live in step with Him, nothing else will ever come close to that life, that relationship with God
- D. One of my life scriptures:
- **Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.**

**“He gets ALL the GLORY, I get all the fulfillment.” – Pastor Tim Lambert**

#### V. PURPOSE

**A FULLFILLED LIFE IS NEVER GOING TO BE ABOUT “ME” OR ”SELF”**

- A. You were not chosen without purpose

**Matthew 9:35-38 (NLT) Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”**