



**Series:** *The Chosen*

Part 3 – YOU Are Called By Name  
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1) C.S. Lewis wrote the following in his now classic, *The Screwtape Letters*. Share your thoughts on Lewis’ quote and how you think our culture accepts or rejects it.

*There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.*

2) Mary Magdalene is one of the New Testament’s most mysterious characters even though she is mentioned by name nearly a dozen times. Divide the following passages among your Small Group, read them aloud and share your observations.

Matthew 27:55-56; Matthew 27:61; Matthew 28:1-10;  
 Mark 15:40; Mark 15:47; Mark 16:1-9;  
 Luke 8:1-3; John 19:25; John 20:1-18

3) Whether “overtly spiritual” (like Mary Magdalene) or more common and figurative, we all have our “demons.” What are some of the hurts, habits or hang ups from this list below which you have been battling with the longest? And what is your plan to overcome them?

HURTS, HABITS, HANG UPS				
Abuse	Competition	Gambling	Laziness	Rage
Adultery	Control Issues	Gossip	Loneliness	Rape
Addictions	Cynicism	Grief	Loss	Relational Stress
Aggravation	Depression	Harmful Tendencies	Lust	Sadness
Alcoholism	Despair	Hatred	Materialism	Self-Centeredness
Anger	Divorce	Hopelessness	Meritocracy	Self-Esteem
Anxiety	Domestic Violence	Hubris	Mental Health	Self-Harm
Betrayal	Drug Abuse	Hypochondria	Messianic Complex	Superiority
Bigotry	Dysfunctionality	Illness	Neglect	Thrill-Seeking
Bitterness	Eating Disorder	Indifference	Numbness	Trauma
Childhood Trauma	Emotional Distress	Irrational Fears	Perfectionism	Vanity
Chronic Disease	Family Drama	Jadedness	Pornography	Violence
Codependency	Fear of Failure	Judgmentalism	Profanity	Workaholism
Comparison	Financial Distress	Lack of Affection	Pride	Xenophobia

4) Read Isaiah 43:1-7 aloud and highlight some truths and details that stick out to you. Then share how the truths here may have impacted the later versions of Mary you read earlier ... and how they might impact you today.

5) Everyone has a next spiritual step. What is yours? Could either of the steps below be for you or someone in your Small Group? Please take a moment to share and pray for discernment and a willing heart of obedience.