

# 10/03/21 Message

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Part of The End of Me  
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## Message: Chosen

### Series: The End of Me

Recap: This is the next to last message in our series The End of Me. The foundation of this series in the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7. It's about DTR - define the relationship - between you and Jesus. Are you a fan or a follower of Jesus?

## Introduction

### ***Matthew 5:8 (NLT)***

3 "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

4 God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.

6 God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.

7 God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

9 God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

11 "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers.

12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

## Where Are You

- Do you SERVE

If you don't... Why not?

- It can be answered in one word, PRIORITIES

Two other reasons people don't serve:

- You feel you're UNQUALIFIED to serve
- You feel something you've done has DISQUALIFIED you from serving

Satan messes with our heads... and our hearts... but he does it through setting traps (and manipulation). He can't make you feel a certain way or make you not do something, but...

- He can change your OBSERVATIONS
- He can change your PERCEPTION

## **Spiritual Giants**

- In the Bible, Paul was a spiritual giant – but so was MOSES

Moses was chosen by God.

- You have been CHOSEN by God

Two questions for you to answer:

- What spiritual QUALIFICATIONS do you have?
- What about your spiritual EXPERIENCE?

*What if getting into heaven was more like a job interview – and before you could get in – you had to tell about your qualifications and your experience. Would you get the job? Often we're not willing to work on our spiritual life – to improve our qualifications and gain experience, but if they offered a paycheck – we'd be all in!*

—Pastor Chad

You have been chosen! You have been called!

Moses was chosen... Moses was called.

### ***Exodus 3:11 (NLT)***

But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?"

Who am I? Moses was really saying – God, pick somebody else because I’m not the man for this!

*Don't ask God – Why did you pick me? Instead, show God He made a good choice! Let God do something amazing through you!*

—Pastor Chad

## **Moses Came Around**

### ***Exodus 3:12 (NLT)***

(God told Moses)... I will be with you...

It’s not your qualifications that count – it’s God’s qualifications that count!

### ***Exodus 4:1 (NLT)***

...What if they won’t believe me or listen to me?...

### ***Exodus 4:10-12 (NLT)***

10 But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.

11 Then the Lord asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord?”

12 Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.

13 But Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send anyone else.”

*At this point God became angry because Moses was allowing his fear to override his faith. The path he was taking was the path of ‘I can’t’ instead of the path of ‘I can.’ Last time I checked, Philippians 4:13 still says – I can do ALL THINGS through Christ who gives me strength! Not some things, not a few things, but ALL THINGS!*

—Pastor Chad

When God calls you to do something, when God chooses you – He already knows

- You CAN DO IT

When you don't - it's disobedience.

When you don't - it's sinning against God.

***Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)***

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

6 Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

*Moses was looking for a pass - but God didn't give Moses a pass... God gave Moses a partner!*

*—Pastor Chad*

- If you feel unqualified for ministry - you don't get a pass, you get OPPORTUNITIES to become qualified. You get opportunities to gain experience.
- If you feel disqualified for ministry - you don't get a pass, you get FORGIVENESS to become qualified.

***1 Corinthians 1:26-28 (NLT)***

26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you.

27 Instead, God chose...

- YOU

God chose you!