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Part of Chosen

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Message: You're Mine

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Select the spiritual gifts assessment in the middle, then a page will appear asking you to launch the assessment. You'll register and then begin. I will take about 15 minutes and answer questions not as you "think" they should be answered, but rather how it most accurately describes you right now.

This is our first message in the series "Chosen" - a series coinciding with our Life Group study on the Angel Studios televised production on the life of Jesus Christ.

Disclaimer from Pastor Chad:

This series is loosely based on the study we're doing on Sunday evenings - but it's meant to dive deeper and cover additional details, building on what we learn together on Sunday evenings. The televised production is Biblically correct but as you realize when you read Scripture - there are skips and jumps, I hate to call it holes, but if you were watching a show with an accurate timeline, there'd be some blank screens in between clips. The writer of The Chosen took what's called artistic license to fill in the gaps yet paid great attention to honor Christ when he added plausible details about the lives of the characters. He added backstories to well known characters and fleshed out other characters who might receive only a passing mention in Scripture. The intended result is for viewers to see the people in the Bible as real people who dealt with the same types of issues we all deal with. For instance, the disciples have family and friends, they have reputations to uphold, they have a sense of humor, and they struggle just like we do. The writer put together a panel of

expert consultants to ensure biblical and historical accuracy in the script. His goal is to help people know Jesus better and love Scripture more!

Redeemed

Isaiah 43:1 (ESV)

But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”

The Hebrew word for redeem is *gaal* and it means to buy back, to rescue!

The only way to atone for sin is by way of a blood sacrifice.

Leviticus 17:11 (NLT)

For the life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the Lord. It is the blood given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.

The old covenant sacrifices were always temporary – but the new covenant sacrifice (Jesus) was “once and for all” – permanent redemption!

Called You By Name

Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT)

I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you...

Psalms 139:13-16 (NLT)

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous – how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Luke 12:7 tells us the hairs on our head are numbered!

God is telling us – I created you! I know you! I know everything about you!

Claiming The Promise

Mary claimed the promises of God and God showed up!

What struggles did Mary have?

Luke 8:2 (NLT)

...Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons...

In the show (but not in Scripture) Nicodemus attempted to cast out the demons, but he couldn't do it. He was not a disciple of Jesus.

Luke 9:1 (NLT)

One day Jesus called together His twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases.

- SAYING the name of Jesus means NOTHING
- CLAIMING Jesus means EVERYTHING

Your Truth

- STOP living YOUR truth
- START claiming GOD'S truth

*The moment Jesus touched Mary – she claimed His truth!
Instantly – the demons left her – they got an eviction
notice, and they were told to go... sent packing... you're
not welcome here... I need room for Jesus!*

—Pastor Chad

We know it worked because...

Luke 8:1-3 (NIV)

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to

support them out of their own means.

Not only did Mary replace the demons with Jesus, not only did she trust and believe in Jesus so much that she started following Him – the Bible tells us she supported Jesus out of her own means!

Connecting With Jesus

Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT)

9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I can sing all the praise and worship I want – but if my heart isn't right and if I'm not doing it with a genuineness, being real with God, and if I've got unconfessed sin in the way, my praise and worship is nothing more than singing a song. Singing words that are cool words... maybe catchy... maybe the music is rock'in or sweet, or whatever stirs my emotions or sucks me in – but if I'm missing the intent of praise and worship, I can sing the walls down but it never gets past the ceiling. It's not the songs... it's not the music... it's not the lyrics... it's not how many times I say Jesus... it's not speaking the name of Jesus... It's my heart connecting with His! When our hearts connect with His... those who have the solid connection – every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

—Pastor Chad

In that moment, He wraps His arms around you and says... I love you!

You're mine!