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Part of Chosen

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Message: Change Directions

Series: Chosen

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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 third 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!

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11 (NLT)

1 One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God.

2 He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.

3 Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

5 "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."

6 And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!

7 A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm too much of a sinner to be around you."

9 For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.

10 His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"

11 And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Read Luke 4 (especially the last half) to gather context leading into Luke 5:

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the same measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Changing Direction

You can't meet Jesus, establish a relationship with Jesus, and follow Jesus without changing directions. Repenting of sin means you turn from your sin and go in another direction. Following Jesus requires us to change!

Core premise:

- I WAS -> but God -> and NOW

- Mary Magdalene was broken -> but God rescued her -> and now she's healed

- Nicodemus was all about the law -> but God humbled him -> and now he's changed

- Matthew was rebellious -> but God pursued him -> and now he's a disciple of Jesus.

- Simon was all about Simon -> but God called him -> and now he's a rock for Jesus.

What's your "I was -> but God -> and now..." story? Do you have one?

If not, let today be the day He rescues you!