

Title: Chosen to Throw Stones

Sermon Summary: This sermon explores the concept of being chosen by God to fulfill His purpose. It emphasizes that everyone is called, but few respond to become chosen. The message encourages believers to recognize their value in God's eyes, to believe in His promises, and to use their unique skills and experiences to glorify God. The sermon uses the story of David and Goliath to illustrate how God can use ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things when they trust in Him.

Key Points:

- Many are called, but few are chosen because not everyone responds to God's invitation
- Being chosen means embracing God's purpose for your life and believing in His promises
- God often uses ordinary people and skills to accomplish His extraordinary purposes
- Believers should use their "stones" (skills, experiences, talents) to glorify God and defeat spiritual giants
- Faith and trust in God's word are essential for overcoming challenges and experiencing His blessings
- Serving others and focusing on God's kingdom can help overcome depression and selfishness

Scripture Reference:

- Matthew 22:14 - "For many are called, but few are chosen."
- 1 Samuel 17:45-47 - David's confrontation with Goliath
- 1 Peter 2:9 - "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people..."

Stories:

- The story of David and Goliath, emphasizing David's faith and use of his shepherding skills
- Pastor Joe's experiences as a Lyft driver, using his occupation to minister to passengers
- The calling of Jesus' first disciples from rural, less educated backgrounds
- Personal anecdotes of God's provision and blessings in response to faith

Today, God wants us to be part of his story. He has chosen each and every one of us to partner up to his plan. Whether you're in the marketplace, whether you're in the home, whether you're in church, whether you're at the grocery store, wherever you are at, God is asking, are you willing to throw your stone against Goliath?

Are you willing to be chosen? Are you willing to be called? Are you willing to stand out? Are you willing to make a difference in people's lives in the city of Edinburgh, in McAllen, in PSJA, wherever you might be at, in your workplace?