

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Chosen to be Serve

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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Isaiah 41:8-10 (NLT) “But as for you, Israel my servant, Jacob my chosen one, descended from Abraham my friend, ⁹ I have called you back from the ends of the earth, saying, ‘You are my servant.’ For I have chosen you and will not throw you away. ¹⁰ Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

- **God chose you to be His servant.**

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- **God is with you so don’t be afraid.**

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- **God gives you victory so be hopeful.**

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Isaiah 53:5-6,10, 11-12 (NLT) But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. ⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all... ¹⁰ But it was the Lord’s good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants... When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. ¹¹ And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins. ¹² I will give him the honours of a victorious soldier, because he exposed himself to death. He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels.

Big Idea: God chose you to be a servant so give yourself away for His Kingdom.

How does God want you to respond today?



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- 5) What promise from God in this passage is most significant for you and why?
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- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through this study? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). In what way is God asking you to embrace your identity as His servant?
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