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Connected By Love

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

CHOSEN BY GOD

- God chose you.
- Before the foundations of the world.
- Before you did anything to deserve it.

1 Samuel 16:7 (ESV) But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

- When Samuel anointed him the Spirit of the Lord rushed on David and was with him from that day onward.
- 7 sons rejected to be anointed king.
- David passed.

John 15:16 (ESV) You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

CHOSEN FOR GOD

Deuteronomy 7:6 (NLT) For you are a holy people, who belong to the Lord your God. Of all the people on earth, the Lord your God has chosen you to be his own special treasure.

CHOSEN WITH LOVE

Deuteronomy 7:7-9 (NLT) 7 “The Lord did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the

smallest of all nations! 8 Rather, it was simply that the Lord loves you, and he was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors. That is why the Lord rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. 9 Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands.

- The Trap of Striving: Living to earn God's love leads to frustration and pride.
- Focus on his love for you VS your love for him.

***Titus 3:4-7 (NLT)* 4 But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, 5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. 6 He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.**

- If you want to grow in this love you've got to give up on who you are striving to become and start embracing your identity as a son/daughter.

***1 John 4:19* We love because he first loved us.**