

Why Me God?

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

—Corrie ten Boom

It may be a good time to revisit this topic with the fall Holy Days approaching, just to reflect on why God called us. I often ask, why me God? Why did you choose me? Why would an all-knowing God choose someone like me? He must have run out of choices. Did any of us deserve this? Certainly not me. Is being chosen something we earned? Hardly. So why me? So why us?

1 Corinthians 1:26-28- “For you see your calling, brethren, that *there are* not many who are wise according to the flesh, not many who are powerful, not many who are high-born *among you*. Rather, God has chosen the foolish things of the world, so that He might put to shame those who are wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world so that He might put to shame the strong things. And the low-born of the world, and the despised has God chosen—*even* the things that are counted as nothing—in order that He might bring to nothing the things that are;”

Well, I certainly fit the second sentence of that scripture with regards to foolish. I still scratch my head and wonder when my brain will line up and get it right. But

that is why He is God and I am grateful for His patience with me or otherwise I would have been a pile of ashes a long time ago. Like the quote from Corrie ten Boom, we just have to trust an unknown future to a known God.

God evidently saw something in us before we were born. He knew us and who we *would become*.

Jeremiah 1:5- “Before I formed you in the belly I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I consecrated you, *and* I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” He had His mark on us before we were born.

Even knowing this, Jesus still chose to lay down His life for the likes of me and everyone else.

Romans 5:8- “But God commends His own love to us because, when we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” That is such a profound scripture. Christ knew us before we were born, the sinners that we would become and He still chose to die in our place.

Ephesians 1:3-5- “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *things* with Christ; According as He has personally chosen us for Himself before *the* foundation of *the*

world in order that we might be holy and blameless before Him in love; Having predestinated us for sonship to Himself through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His own will,” He knew who would make the choice to follow His ways and follow His Son. Such an overwhelming blessing to have chosen by God before the foundation of the world!

Having all of these scriptures, assuring us of being predestined in our calling before we were born, we still fail Him in our faith by doubting Him and His abilities. Keep in mind, doubt is a weapon of the enemy. Doubt weakens faith. This leads to hesitation in our prayer life. We fail to come boldly before the throne of grace.

Hebrews 4:16- “Therefore, we should come with boldness to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

We need to remember that Jesus is our intercessor to the very Throne of God.

Romans 8:34- “Who *is* the one that condemns? *It is* Christ Who died, but rather, Who is raised again, Who is even *now* at *the* right hand of God, *and* Who is also making intercession for us.”

So, when we pray, we must pray expecting, not being cocky but confident in our faith in the One in Who we believe. Our measure of faith determines the power of

our prayers. (**Matthew 9:22, Mark 5:34, Mark 10:52, Luke 17:17, 18:42, 2 Corinthians 13:5**).

As long as we are in the flesh, we will continue to occasionally stumble and fail and forget who we are in Him. Much like we have discussed lately, it may not be a problem of “a little faith” but of a “lasting faith.” Satan will definitely push all the buttons he can to wear us down.

Romans 9:20- “Yes, indeed, O man, who are you to answer against God? Shall the thing that is formed say to the one who formed *it*, “Why did you make me this way?”

We are certainly not the first humans to ask God, “what do You want with me?”

Exodus 3:11- “And Moses said to God, “Who *am* I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?” Moses had more of a direct audience with the Creator than we do but our lines are open to the throne of God through our Savior, prayer, and His Holy Spirit within us.

Even Jesus essentially asked Saul of Tarsus “why me” in **Acts 9:4**- “And after falling to the ground, he heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?”

With the world pressing in so much as it does lately, we can feel so unworthy at times. We can fall way short of any expectations God has for us.

Romans 3:23- “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” But why should the King of Kings and Lord of Lords die for me? As we just read in the essay, God has not withheld one good thing from us if it is good for us.

We discuss weekly character-building traits that will enable us to grow spiritually in the image and likeness of Jesus. Qualities and behaviors that will yield fruits of the Spirit. We cannot hold back anything of ourselves in giving back to Him.

1 Peter 2:21-25- “For to this you were called because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow in His footsteps Who committed no sin; neither was guile found in His mouth; Who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; *when* suffering, He threatened not, but committed *Himself* to Him Who judges righteously; Who Himself bore our sins within His own body on the tree, so that we, being dead to sins, may live unto righteousness; by Whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.”

It is extremely difficult in this day and age to remain focused with all of the chaos and world gone mad around us. We are human. We will continue to sin. Growing in God's word, His will and in the likeness of Jesus Christ will cause these incidents to become less frequent, IF we can stay the course. It will take time and effort, a lot of effort these days.

Romans 3:23- "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Have you ever known you are doing something wrong and continue to do it anyway?

Romans 7:15-19- "Because what I am working out myself, I do not know. For what I do not desire to do, this I do; moreover, what I hate, this *is what* I do. But if I am doing what I do not desire to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good. So then, I am no longer working it out myself; rather, it is sin *that is* dwelling within me; Because I fully understand that there is not dwelling within me—that is, within my fleshly *being—any* good. For the desire to do good is present within me; but how to work out that which is good, I do not find. For the good that I desire to do, I am not doing; but the evil that I do not desire to do, this I am doing." This one should have my picture next to it.

God certainly knew what He was doing and who He was calling. It falls upon us to heed His call and walk with Him in all aspects of our lives.

Ephesians 5:15-17- “So then, take heed that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as those who are wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. For this reason, do not be foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.”

Romans 8:28- “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose”

Psalms 138:8- “The LORD will perfect His work in me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever; do not forsake the work of Your own hands.”

God made and called us to according to His will and purpose. Not having a say in the calling was a blessing however we did have to make a choice. So many fail to make the right one, even though our calling is not for the faint-hearted.

Proverbs 16:4- “The LORD has made all for His own purpose; yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.”

Our calling is a precious gift and one not to be taken lightly. But certainly not more precious than the One Who gave it. Our priorities are outlined in God's Word and His Commandments.

Matthew 22:37-38- "And Jesus said to him," 'You shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is *the* first and greatest commandment;"

This is by far the most important thing we need to keep in mind. We will be praising and worshiping God for *all eternity*. If we are doing this now, everything else will fall into its proper place.

Giving back to God begins with loving God first. I know, this drum has a hole in it. But if you do not have God FIRST in your life, you will NEVER get it, at least to the full extent He desires for us. Sorry, but you can read every book in the library, watch every video on the planet, listen to every sermon ever spoken, but if you do not love God FIRST and have that relationship with Him, you will always be one tumbler off on the combination of unlocking the spiritual connection that will open the vault to understanding like never before. When you surrender yourself, routinely have a frequent One on one in prayer, erase I and me from your vocabulary, you will begin to plug the cracks in your vessel which *will* yield more of an infilling of His Holy Spirit.

Matthew 13:8-9- “And some fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit—some a hundredfold, and some sixtyfold, and some thirtyfold. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

We have been called and chosen to be part of God’s Divine plan.

Ephesians 1:10- “That in *the divine* plan for the fulfilling of *the* times, He might bring all things together in Christ, both the things in the heavens and the things upon the earth;”

We have been blessed with the promise of salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Savior. We have been given the knowledge of His word, His will and purpose for us through the gift of His Holy Spirit. With these precious gifts, we need not ask “why me” as He has made it quite clear, He loves us!

1 John 4:16- “And we have known and have believed the love that God has toward us. God is love, and the one who dwells in love is dwelling in God, and God in him.”

In closing, just for an illustration, think on these images of what Jesus Christ did and gave up and sacrificed for us. God not withholding anything good from us is an understatement. **John 1:3-** “All things came into being through Him, and not even one thing that was created came into being without Him.”









