

Why Me?

I am confident everyone at one time or another in your life has asked the question, “why me?” This question can pertain to almost any situation or scenario but usually involves something negative or an inconvenience. Being stuck in traffic and late for an appointment, switching lanes to get in the “fast lane” only to have that lane slow down slower than the one you just left...why me? Why me with all the bad luck? We used to have a family joke when I was a kid, the bad luck was because I was Ed Lewis’ grandson. My dad’s dad was notorious for griping and complaining about everything. If he were the only one in a race, he would have still come in second. It seems joy had eluded him most of his adult life. Do we know anyone in our lives who may fit this description? Some folks will never get it as they seek joy in all the wrong places and for a temporary fix to scratch their itch. I’d like to pose another take on this question, have you ever asked yourself, why me God? Why did you choose me? Why would an all-knowing God choose someone like me? Did we deserve this? Certainly not. Is it something we earned? Hardly. So why me? Keep in mind, doubt is a weapon of the enemy and weakens faith.

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;” This scripture sure is fitting for me especially. I can get a job as the before picture for ads and my photo was in the dictionary next to sinner.

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.

But 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.

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!

Ephesians 1:11-14- “*Yes*, in Him, in Whom we also have obtained an inheritance, having been predestinated according to His purpose, Who is working out all things according to the counsel of His own will; That we might be to *the* praise of His glory, who first trusted in the Christ; In Whom you also trusted after hearing the Word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation; in Whom also, after believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, Which is *the* earnest of our inheritance until *the* redemption of the purchased possession, to *the* praise of His glory.”

We still on occasion question His judgment and His choice in us especially when we fail in the flesh and forget who we are in Him.

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 not alone in asking 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 prayer and His Holy Spirit within us.

Even Jesus essentially asked Saul “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?”

We can feel so unworthy at times and feel we 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?

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.”

As long as we are in the flesh we will occasionally slip and sin. Growing in God's word, His will and in the likeness of Jesus Christ will cause these incidents to become more and more less frequent.

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.”

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.

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

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;”

Being together with Him walking in His will we can have peace and contentment in our lives.

Philippians 4:6-7- “Do not be anxious about anything; but by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God in everything; And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:11-13- “I am not saying *this* in respect to being destitute; for I have learned *that* in whatever *circumstances* I am, to be content. For I have experienced

being brought low, and I have experienced abounding. In everything and in all things I have been taught both to be full and to hunger, both to abound and to be without. I can do all things through Christ, Who empowers me.”

We have a good representation of ages within our fellowship. We have come from many different locations and backgrounds. We have all been called at different points in our lives. 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.” Amen!

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