



FROM THE EDITOR

Chosen: to select as the best for oneself.

Choosing me to dance, sing, or write would give positive results, but don't choose me for a sports team — even a backyard one (ask my husband; my Jarts playing is considered dangerous!).

How do you feel when you're not chosen — even when you're the best qualified? How do you feel when you are chosen — even when you're *not* the best qualified?

“Chosen” can be positive or negative — easy or hard. Eve and Job were chosen to be tempted by Satan. Temptation came in something desirable for one and in great sorrow and well-intentioned, but bad, advice for the other. David was chosen as king, but what he went through before he became one! He was also chosen to fight someone who could easily squash him. How did he dare? Mary, the chosen, unwed mother of Jesus, could have been stoned — if it were up to the authorities.

Many experience not being chosen — being left out — being abandoned by friends or family. Sorrow and hurt follow. There are stories of children's lack of inheritance: the parents disinherit one child while another, literally, gets the whole farm, worth millions.

We might not be an Eve, a Job, a David, or a Mary, but we are God's children who are never left out or abandoned. We all are chosen to receive our inheritance — salvation by faith through God's grace. We all get the priceless inheritance! What joy!

Thanks be to God!

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12-13).

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