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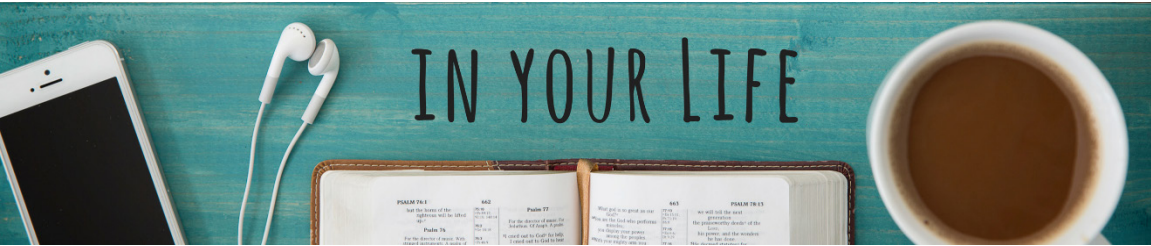
Sermon: “Friend, I Chose You!” John 15:9-17

Jesus said, “You did not choose me, but I chose you.” Wait, don’t I get a say in this? Isn’t it my right to choose? Nonetheless, this is what Jesus says to His disciples and to me. He even goes further and says not only did He choose me, but He chose what I should do with my life (bear fruit). This doesn’t seem right, even un-constitutional; un American! But maybe this is a good thing. If I am honest with myself I realize I often don’t make good choices. And this choice, to follow Jesus, has *eternal* consequences. Maybe I should leave this choice to my true Friend.

Message Notes

Summary

Main Points:	
Bible Passages:	What can I apply to my life?
Next Week’s Readings: Acts 10:34-48, 1 John 5:1-8, John 15:9-17, Psalm 98	



Daily Bible Verse take 5 minutes each day to be in God’s Word

Monday: Ephesians 2:8-10 – We are saved by God’s grace and designed to do good works.

Tuesday: Romans 5:6-11 – While still sinners, Christ died for us.

Wednesday: John 15:15 – Jesus calls us friends.

Thursday: 1 Peter 2:9-10 – Now you are God’s people

Friday: Psalm 139:13-18 – God formed us and knows us.

Saturday: Romans 8:31-39 – Nothing can separate us from God’s love

Questions/Contemplation of the Bible readings

- How do these verses talk about God’s relationship with us? How does God view us?
- We believe God is all-knowing and all-powerful, and everything He does is perfect and holy. How do these facts add to these Bible passages?
- Which verse has caught your attention and why?
- Take one of these verses and write it your own words.

Conversation with others

- Do you remember your Confirmation (or similar faith instruction)? Share your memories of either Confirmation or similar event. What made it special for you?
- How does Jesus’ words from John 15, “I chose you,” impact your life?

Prayer ideas/suggestions

- Reflect on God’s great love for you and say a prayer of thanks!
- We often are our own worst critic – pray that God would allow you to see your life more the way He sees it – that you are dearly loved.

Other Perspectives

Our youth chose verses for their Confirmation. While they individually chose them I also believe the Holy Spirit directed them to these verses to strengthen their faith.

- Look up and read each verse, do they have meaning for you? How can these verses strengthen your faith?
- 1 Timothy 1:14, Psalm 101:1, John 3:16, Joshua 1:9