

YE HAVE NOT CHOSEN ME, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU 17/7/11

God is the creator of all human life. He knows the best way to direct and guide those who choose life over death. Once God proves himself through the anointing of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues; we should be wise enough to trust him. It stands to reason that we should take the directions and advice that God has given us, because God makes choices based on what he knows, not on what we know. The following scriptures outline the primary directions that all Christians should choose to build upon. After all, we have an eternal reason to serve God the way he wants to be served... God has his reasons.

The conversion of Paul (Saul)... and the reason for it.

ACT 22:14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath **chosen thee**, that thou shouldest **know his will**, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. *He was chosen for a purpose... like we all are.*

15 For **thou shalt be his witness** unto all men of what thou hast **seen and heard**. *He was told the reason.*

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. *What are you waiting for? You know what to do... get on with it. God has expectations from all those he chooses.*

Moses at the Red Sea. *It seemed to the Moses and the children of Israel, that they were trapped against the Red Sea by the approaching Egyptian soldiers.*

EXO 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

Moses knows the plan of God and is confident in it.

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. *Moses was waiting for God to move.*

15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: *This is similar to the directions given to Paul... go and use the power I have given to you... don't wait for me to do something. Moses did just that and he did it as a team player... he cared for those God had placed him with.*

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. *The Church will become paralysed if it waits for the Lord to move all the time. The Lord is waiting for us to move. This is the message that results in great blessing.*

Once we are filled with the Spirit, we need to step out in faith with confidence.

LUK 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the **plough**, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. *It is the height of ignorance to keep waiting for God to make the first move. We need to hand our priorities over to doing what God wants... before we do what we want. Be motivated with the knowledge that God chose you because he knows things that you don't know... give him a chance to show you.*

People can make bad choices despite their knowledge of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

EXO 32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for *as for this* Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me.

3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron.

4 And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. *This is a comical situation resulting from lack of trust and faith in God. The Israelites have already been delivered by God through miracles and signs. Yet, now they are melting down their jewelry and fashioning a God and making the ridiculous claim that their freshly handmade idol, did all the miracles. To make matters worse... this was done while the cloud of the Holy Spirit hovered over them. Pride and ignorance cause a lot of damage.*

Just a reminder of why Paul was converted... it is also the reason why we were converted as well.

ACT 26:16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: **for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose**, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; *We need to do the will of God... not wait for him to make the next move. That's why we were chosen.*