

Welcome to Kev's on-line eGroup

The e-Glue that helps with the glitter

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Here Comes Church – “In the know”

- Interested in serving at Elevation Church: See: www.elevationchurch.cc
- Please consider joining an eGroup (small group) so you don't have to walk this walk alone – See www.elevationchurch.cc. The “e” stands for empowerment - because getting the instructions from God without having the empowerment to live them out will frustrate you. These groups are our way of putting some very wonderful people in front of you feed you spiritually.
- Stay out of “isolation silos” - you are an easy target for the enemy – and you don't have the benefit of friends to support you. Embrace the power of numbers.
- Interested in leading an eGroup? See: www.elevationchurch.cc
- Don't over-think it – Invite someone to church – “Who do you know that is close to you that is far from God?”
- What are your Gr8ful eight?
- K-Love and Elevation Workshop at Red Rocks in CO in August 2025
- Elevation Nights is back: Elevation Nights is hitting the road again and we're coming to a city near you from October 21st through the 30th, 2025 - we're going to be in St. Paul, Omaha, St Louis, Louisville, Duluth, Tampa, Miami, and Orlando.
- Love week 3rd week in July 2025

Galatians 1:10-16 - - God chose me: “To the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. No Other Gospel - 6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. 10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Paul Called by God - 11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born,[d] and who called me by his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Romans 10:9 - - The power of belief and confession: “8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

Mark 9:23-25 - - "I believe. Help my unbelief." – "21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23 And Jesus said to him, "If you can't! All things are possible for one who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out[d] and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.""

Acts 5:38-39 - - If God is in it, it can't be stopped" – "7 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus."

6/8/2025 Prayer by Pastor Charles Butlar: "When you know God chose you and empowers you for every moment, you're ready to stand in any situation." What challenge are you facing this week where you need to remember this truth – that God has chosen and empowered you to stand firm? We thank God that He sees, chooses, and empowers each person for every moment of their lives. We pray for courage for each person to stand firm, trusting in God's empowerment, not our own strength. We ask God to reveal and free us from any fear or doubt that holds them back. We Pray that God's presence would strengthen and fill us with confidence and peace."

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Sermon points:

- We all have confessions that we believe every day.
- We all carry beliefs about ourselves that can keep us from being who God wants us to be.
- The worst thing we can do is forget where God has brought us from.
- A belief and confession that has the power to radically transform your life: God chose me.
- God placed you where you are for a reason; it's not an accident.
- If you don't allow God to be with you and keep you in challenging situations, you may never discover what's truly inside you.
- The fact that you made a mistake doesn't disqualify you from the fact that He chose you.
- Daring to believe God chose you keeps you ready, ridiculous, and reverent.
- When you know God chose you and empowers you for every moment, you're ready to stand in any situation.
- What truly keeps you ready is knowing God – not your hard work or good plans – put you here; your trust is in Him alone.

Scriptures

- Galatians 1:10-16 - - God chose me:
- Romans 10:9 - - The power of belief and confession:
- Mark 9:23-25 - - “I believe. Help my unbelief.”
- “Acts 5:38-39

Discussion Questions

- “We all have confessions that we believe every day.” What’s one confession or belief about yourself that might be limiting you, and what’s one that truly empowers you? How could you focus more on the empowering confession – the one that reveals the way God truly sees you?
- **“Daring to believe God chose you keeps you ready, ridiculous, and reverent.” Believing that God chose you, which of these three qualities (ready, ridiculous, reverent) resonates with you the most, and why?**
- “The worst thing we can do is forget where God has brought us from.” What's one thing you can celebrate today that God's brought you through? How can you be more intentional in remembering this when you feel discouraged?
- **“God placed you where you are for a reason; it's not an accident.” Think of a challenge you're facing right now. How can remembering that God placed you there for a reason change how you approach it?**

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AI generated notes: Charles Metcalf Preaches on Divine Calling and Self-Belief

Jun 8, 2025 • 51:18 minutes

Summary

Charles Henry Metcalf III delivers a passionate sermon centered on the theme "God Chose Me," encouraging believers to embrace their divine calling, confront limiting self-beliefs, and live boldly in faith. Drawing from Pentecost, Galatians, and personal family anecdotes, he intertwines biblical teaching with practical advice for overcoming insecurity and stepping into purpose.

Key Points

- **Pentecost and Divine Encounter:** The sermon opens with Acts 2:1, describing the transformative power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, emphasizing that when God's power enters a life, nothing remains the same.
- **Power of Confession:** Metcalf discusses the impact of internal and spoken confessions, referencing Romans 10:9 and psychological insights. He urges listeners to examine the narratives they believe about themselves and replace negative self-talk with faith-based affirmations.
- **Personal and Family Identity:** Sharing his family's daily "Metcalf Confessions," he illustrates the importance of proactively shaping identity rather than letting circumstances or others define it.
- **Scriptural Foundation:** Galatians 1:10-16 is highlighted, focusing on Paul's direct revelation from Christ and the legitimacy of his calling, paralleling it to the believer's own sense of divine purpose.
- **Overcoming Insecurity and People-Pleasing:** Metcalf addresses the universal struggle with feeling overlooked or unworthy, using relatable examples (e.g., childhood games, workplace personas) to show how people often create versions of themselves to gain acceptance.

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- **Three Effects of Believing "God Chose Me":**
 - **Keeps You Ready:** Believing in divine selection prepares individuals for unexpected challenges and opportunities, fostering resilience and readiness.
 - **Keeps You Ridiculous:** True faith may appear radical or unreasonable to others, but it empowers believers to live boldly and defy cultural expectations, as seen in the early Christian movement.
 - **Keeps You Reverent:** Recognizing God's hand in one's life cultivates humility, gratitude, and a sense of responsibility to honor the legacy of faith passed down through generations.
- **Call to Action:** The sermon concludes with an invitation for listeners to surrender their lives to Christ, emphasizing that God's choice requires personal acceptance and surrender. A prayer is offered for transformation, confidence, and boldness in faith.

Action Items

- **Congregation:** Reflect on personal confessions and replace negative self-talk with affirmations of divine purpose. *(Ongoing)*
- **Parents:** Establish daily family confessions to instill identity and purpose in children. *(Ongoing)*
- **Individuals considering faith:** Respond to the invitation to surrender to Christ and embrace a new life of purpose. *(Immediate/ongoing)*

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Detailed sermon text:

- Chapter 2 verse 1 says on the day of Pentecost all of the believers were meeting together in one place and Suddenly there was a sound from heaven Like the roaring of a mighty windstorm and it filled the house where they were sitting And then what looked like flames or tongues of fire Appeared and settled on each one of them I'll find you on the mountaintop.
- But when the power of God enters your life, nothing can stay the same.
- Come on, sing that one more time to remind your soul and remind the devil, he's not done with my life, he's not done with my family. Come on, let's sing. Come on, let's sing.
- Come on, let's sing. Come on, come with me. There's so much more to be here There's so much more to be here You're not always The only one You're not always The only one There's so much more Who am I to deny what the Lord can do?
- Come on, let your faith rise. Who am I to deny what the Lord can do? One more time. Who am I to deny and the Lord of Lords.
- Jehovah Jireh, the provider. Come on, the one that solves you when nobody else solves you.
- The one that pulls you up when nobody else can. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus.
- Well, good morning. Hello, nice to meet you. My name is Charles.
- See, Zeke, when I grew up, they would start singing about the blood of Jesus. Now, I don't know where you at, but when I grew up, they started talking about the blood of Jesus.
- Zeke, now this might just be for me, but there was a song that my dad used to play on the way to church every single morning. They would talk that the blood of Jesus would never lose its power. Zeke, you know, there's something to reach out to. Now, this is the part right here. Come on, sing it, Church. Come on. a moment to welcome everybody watching online all the campuses around the world.
- Ethan, we love you so much. I am grateful to be here this morning.
- I said it earlier, but my name is Charles Henry Metcalf III, just so my mama would be grateful that I share that with you. And I'm from Tulsa, Oklahoma, part of an amazing church out there called Transformation Church.
- I am grateful and honored I am to be here. How grateful I am for your pastors. Pastor Stephen and Pastor Holly.
- Can we take a moment and honor them. Thank you so much for this moment. I'm grateful.
- I don't take it lightly. And I am excited to share this moment. I said that earlier.
- But I am church kid. I grew up in church my whole life. Every Sunday. Every day the doors were open. We was up in there. Shouting, yelling, screaming. I love the church. I don't think there's anywhere else you should be on a Sunday morning. Anything else worth giving your life to? Anything else worth raising your family in? It's near and dear to my heart.

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- Speaking of family, I do have one of those. Greatest thing in my life. I got to start off with the most amazing woman in the world. Oh, there go my babies. Yes. So I'll introduce you to my mixed family here. We got tan, white, tan, white. But, don't be all trying to figure out if I'm Puerto Rican. I'm half black, half white. I can't speak Spanish. Okay.
- Let's get that out of the way. In my wife's arm is blue, Sunday. We call her Sunny. And then the amazing queen in the middle is the queen of our home, Abby Rose. That's the love of my life. Last 10 years.
- If you're looking to jump into reading scripture, Galatians is a good place to start. I think this is amazing. And yeah, this is just a beautiful moment. I'm going about. Come on. If you had to charge your Bible, I'm not mad at you. I just hope it don't die when you need it most.
- OK. Here we go.
- Galatians chapter number one, starting in verse 10, says this. Obviously, I'm not trying direct revelation of Jesus Christ. You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion, how violently I persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it. I was far God chose me and he called me by his marvelous grace then it pleased him to reveal his son to me so I would proclaim the good news about Jesus to the Gentiles.
- Take your notes, write down the title of my sermon at the top definitely should take notes it's like a fast pass when you get to heaven chose me. “God chose me.”
- Let's pray together. Dear Lord, we thank you for choosing us. You didn't have to. As a matter of fact, you had reasons to look over us. But in your grace, in your kindness, and in your mercy, Lord, you chose us. And so I pray this morning we will be reminded of that truth. It's in the beautiful name of Jesus we pray. Everybody said? Amen.
- And it's just, they just let you do it. You know what I'm saying? Some of y'all, you see young people, they're like, we're going to have some kids. You're like, oh, that's so sweet. Go ahead, do it. You don't give them any prep, no warning. There's a lot of stuff you got to figure out as you go.
- And all our kids are close together. We have a six-year-old, a four-year-old, a three-year-old, and a two-year-old. So we don't waste no time. So, but beautiful thing about raising children is one of the responsibilities I felt. discover some things about who they were or who they should be or who they should be trying to please or impress. I, as their father, wanted to decide some things for them so they wouldn't have to wait to discover them. So what we did as a family is we created our Metcalfe Confessions.
- We say these every single morning and my son Arlo, who loves to tell his sisters what to do, particularly likes to take charge in the morning, but the something they need to hear every single day to not be informed by the situation, but so they could inform their situation who they were.
- I didn't want to raise kids who are going out into the world looking for the world to tell them who they were, looking for their friends to tell them who they were, it's what we do I am not subject to the atmosphere.

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- **The atmosphere is subject to the God on the inside of me So when we walk up in the room Purpose is in the room Because Jesus is in the room I decided it for them Now it's easy to acknowledge.**
- The importance of a confession To a 6, 5 or a 2 year old And the importance of those things- But I want to submit to you this morning that whether you recognize it or not thing, you will always reap the effects of your confession.
- This is, you ever seen those documentaries on Netflix where the police be pressure people and they didn't even do nothing and they just lock them in a room for 10 days and they're like, you know, Sammy's over there talking. And you're like, Sammy, what are you saying? I don't know, man. You got anything you need to tell me? And they will confess to something they know they didn't do. Just because the pressure of the situation, the confession seems like it'll get them out of the moment. And what happens? that we say, maybe not out loud to everybody, but really the most powerful confessions happen up here.
- Psychologists will tell you that the voice in your head, you know that voice. I know you don't. Some of y'all may talk to yourself. You know crazy. It's all right. We glad you're here. We're all to call it the end for everybody who talks to themselves. But psychologists will tell us that the voice in your head, no matter positive or negative, You had an experience somewhere that told you that that was true.
- **And so at first you didn't know what to do with it. But then life situation started to inform that belief. And you started to believe it so much that now every time you go to try something new, there's only one confession that comes up.**
- You're not good enough. Nobody cares about you. A life experience happened when you were a child where you felt overlooked or undervalued. You have to work to be seen. You're only as valuable as what you can do. All things you may not articulate out loud, but we know it's true by the way we live.
- **Now, the power of confession is not something I'm making up today. In fact, the Bible would tell you in Romans chapter 10, verse 9, that the most insane miracle, the most powerful transformative is sealing your eternity, what do you think it's doing to you every single day? What do you think those thoughts that live in your mind unchecked are doing to your confidence? What do you think those thoughts that just ravaged, you've tried before and now time and time again you fail so much that you believe it's better to not try than to try and fail? You slowly start to believe stuff about yourself.**
- And maybe it didn't originate It's all you think, it's all you see, it's how you operate. And no matter how old you are, we all have some beliefs about ourselves that keep us from being who God wanted us to be. What do you believe about yourself? A better question, how do you talk to you?
- If I was to put your daily dialogue up on this screen and the thoughts that you say, like them and see you're never going to be that. And slowly but surely, we talk ourselves out of the same power that raised Christ from the dead that lives on the inside of us. And we slowly shrink back and we slowly settle and we settle for a version of ourself that is accepted by other people but they don't know what God put on the inside of you. So you can pretend like everything is fine. You can settle for a level that everybody else applauds for but you are the it. I relate.

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- There's a part of you that doesn't know if you can continue with the pressure of raising those kids. There's a part of you that doesn't know if you deserve the promotion. There's a part of you that doesn't know because you know you. I was standing back there on the side as they sang that song.
- I came to see, I was like you - the tag at the end, you gotta sing that last little tag. I've come a long way because that's the whole song. know me. You may not know me, but I know me.
- And the worst thing we can do as believers is get spiritual amnesia on where he brought you from. I know he's sitting up in here on Pentecost Sunday and you got your good makeup on and you got some nice clothes on, but do not get twisted where he had to go to find you. I don't need everybody, but my friend Shane know where he had to come to find me. He came and found me when I was broken and dedication.
- Okay, okay. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. You good. But you ain't that good.
- I hate to break it to you. I know your mama told you can do anything. And God has done something for you. talking very disrespectfully in the scripture to be honest with you he starts off in verse 10 he's like uh obviously I don't care what you think it kind of starts off it's like a diss track you know like he's getting other people to drink and drink he's like hey y'all i want some of this.
- Now the context is why he comes in so strong is because Paul's kind of random he's kind of off the scene like they already had their crew they agreed upon people who was there we saw jesus If someone's going to do something, you're like, you got it. I don't need to know. I was like, yeah, go ahead. But the truth is, they're suspect about the origins of his message.
- They're suspect if he's qualified enough. And at the time, the way you acknowledge someone's authority and power is you ask who taught them what they know. So if you were connected to a disciple who walked with Jesus, then you were affirmed. Then you were approved.
- Didn't no human come and teach me didn't nobody walk me through their classes and their master class? Didn't nobody come check on me God found me in the middle of the road and I'm not worried about what you think about me.
- And I'm not trying to impress you he says this message isn't of human origin I got it directly from Jesus himself I can just imagine the real world like okay okay.
- Now this confession is dangerous - I have to warn you If you want your life to stay the same And you want to just stay and live a very comfortable safe life do not mess with these three words But if you want to find yourself connected to the origins of this movement - The movement that they tried to stop - when the boy was two years old But they couldn't stop - The movement they tried to stop When they tried to kill him at 33 - But they couldn't stop The movement they tried to stop When they tried to kill all his friends – and they couldn't stop of your faith that says, even if you throw us in the fire, we will not bow down. If you want to find yourself walking like the early origins of the Christian faith - you can start to believe in your heart and confess with your mouth. God chose me. Did nobody else put me in this moment? Did nobody else get me here? It was the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ. God put me in this moment.
- Did nobody else give me these kids? Was it nobody else going to be able to let me get that job? you can't achieve. I'm not mad at you for being confident in those things. As a matter of fact, you need some of those things.

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- As a kid, you get some of your confidence from your family, you get it from your parents. All I'm saying is at some point they run out. Amen.
- At some point, somebody got more money than you. At some point, there's a human that lets you down. But if you can find your confidence in the fact that God chose you, that God put you there, that he used everybody, but ultimately he's.
- How am I going to raise these kids? I don't know, but God chose me.
- How am I going to start this business? I don't know. God chose me. How am I going to be who he called me to be? Even though I didn't have an example, I don't know, but he placed me here.
- So he might have put something on the inside of me. Everybody say God chose me. Look at your neighbor. Say neighbor. I don't know about you. I don't know about you, but God chose me. God chose me. Look at your other neighbor. Find your second choice.
- Wondering if you have the permission to be who God called you to be. Waiting on someone in your family to let you be who you know you're supposed to be. It's time to stop waiting on everybody else.
- No one else is coming. You are here right now. And God put something on the inside of you that the world needs. Everybody say, God chose me.
- God chose you to be in that family. You didn't just happen to end up in Charlotte. Somebody else like, no, I did actually happen to.
- I don't even live here. All I'm submitting this morning is what if He's not done because he's going to get me out like that. Maybe. I hope he does that for you. He don't be doing that for me and my wife on the regular.
- **But what he often does. Here's what I discovered. If you don't allow him to be with you and keep you in it, you never find out what's truly on the inside of you. Some of you don't know to stay and believe. I know this is hard. I know this is difficult. This is not at all how I would have planned to go. But God chose me to be here, so I believe he's going to make me in it. He's going to strengthen me. He's going to show me something I didn't know about myself. You have no idea. Some of you have no idea how faithful you can be. Make mistakes. You've fallen. You've cheated. And you think the fact that he did choose you. The enemy will work so hard for you to, this is all he's after, you know this, right? For you to feel like you were overlooked.**
- I mean, what's the most awkward moment in a sixth grader's life? Let's talk about it. Where your true trauma started. All right, everybody line up, we're playing kickball. Billy and Sam, y'all are captains. And what do you start? You say, dear God, if you do anything in my life, do not let me get picked The idea of being overlooked in front of everybody. It's just too, it's too much. And this is why you may relate to me.
- This is why you start creating different versions of yourself. Oh, come on, let's talk about it. You got the work you. How y'all doing? Yeah, yeah, yeah. How you doing, Mel? You got a weird that you are when you're with your spouse. Now, some of y'all be like, oh, no, I'm on myself with my spouse. Are you really though?

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- Because that's still some thoughts you're worrying. If you told them what you were really thinking. If you told them how you really felt. Here's your question. Would anyone choose all of me? It's not you don't believe someone would choose some of you. You got friends and no parts of you.
- If I admit I'm not really if you admit to your teenager you don't really know what you're doing some of y'all got whole testimonies y'all kids don't know now you're up in church saying like I know who I am but for about 40 years we're just lucky we didn't have Instagram and TikTok back then we were so mad I have to talk about it. I want to give you three quick things that happen if you would dare to believe that God chose you.
- I say dare to believe because in order to believe this, you're going to have to wage war on some other beliefs. You're going to have to actively fight against the version of you that shrinks back. The people pleasing. And I understand the sentiment. And how you feel about what God gave me is not my issue. I'm like, well, go there. Some of y'all don't even know what to do with that. Okay, three things you believe God chose you. The first thing you believe God chose you is it keeps you ready. It keeps you ready. When you find yourself in a space where you know God chose me, out every single day the night before starting at like seven or eight years old and i've been it's wild to see jake the third little girl the little ice cream girl she do that to this day she is four years old and she wakes up she's like i don't see but she only wears her brother's baggy pants and her younger sister's crop top i'm like crop top at four come on man just give me some time there was a moment with my wife where one time we were getting ready and i already had my Hey, yo, I don't know who you are talking to. Ready when I, I, oh, okay. Some of y'all have never been that mad. When you just start like that. Okay, let me, let me real quick before you. I have been ready. You're not ready. Now I'm ready when you are. Because I have been.
- Okay, we go. We're going to move across the country. I've been planning something there. Your whole life has led to this moment and you're going to start that non-profit. Come on, but you've got to go. You've got five months to get ready. So I need you to work it all out. Let's go. You know that. Oh, well. The way my bank account is set up. Three days. Are you ready for the prayer you're praying right now.
- And you're like, hey, that's not exactly the timing. But when you know God chose you, when you know the grace he's extended to you, when he knows he's empowered you for every single moment, you can stand in any situations. Things you saw and you didn't see coming. And you can say, you know what? I didn't see this coming, but God chose me. So I'm ready. I'm ready for where he wants to take me. you to thrive through that moment. What if you're ready? I know you don't feel ready, but what if you are? What if it builds something on the inside of you you haven't seen yet? What if you're stronger than you think you are?
- What if? As Joseph says, he says, you know, my brothers, they had a plan and they meant it for evil, but God, he meant it for my good. He's working something in me. Friend, I want to tell you for that. I don't know who that was. I got hit up. I'm dead. I went up. Give me that for you. I'm going to be working. Keeps you ready. Ready spirit. Ready to step into what God has. Because here's the thing.
- Because what keeps us honestly - God put me here. I worked hard. I did my thing. I was faithful, but the truth is He put me here. And my trust is not in how hard I can work. It's not in my good plan. It's not about my trust is in the King who can move mountains. My trust is in the one who can make a way through the sea.

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- So if He's telling me it's time to go. I don't know everything else, but I know I cannot stay here. I'm ready. The next thing that happens I would fall in that category. I mean, she said, me too. You can always tell us. We just have more trouble with people, so we be showing up a little bit louder. Just like, y'all didn't see me as a kid, but you're going to see me now. That's why we're loud.
- Don't worry about it. But it keeps you ridiculous. Here's what I want to submit to you. who was murdered at 33 years old for the words he said. He was not just a good teacher. He was not just a kind man. He was murdered as a radical. He was murdered as someone came attacking the current belief system and structure. And then his friends believed in so much that they said, I will not deny who he is in my life. I saw him go in that grave and I the inside of us.
- **But friend, I need to tell you something. This message only works if you commit all the way. There are a lot of believers who are just worried about, you know, I just need God to help me make it through and if I can just survive and if the kids just kind of need someone nice and if they just, and I don't know about you but I'm not here to settle with my Savior. I'm not here to barter with the world if I can make it through. If God raised Christ from the dead and that power lives on the inside of me, We passed that. I mean, we're talking about somebody you ain't never seen before. You sit here with your hands, we just in the room, singing up into the sky. We passed weird.**
- **I mean, if you want to go down that document, I'll go with you. But we passed that point. And we just appointed your life where you've got to decide either Jesus was real or he wasn't. Either he came up on that grave or he didn't. And I don't know about you, but I'm raising kids that aren't here to settle with culture. I'm raising kids that are going to be a terror on the enemy. I'm raising kids that's going to know who they are. I'm not playing games. I'm not backing up from nothing. Why? Because God brought me here. Some of us have settled so much. And then we blame the church. This belief overthrew the entire Roman government without one class or course.**
- It was a group of people who really believed Jesus was a real man. I saw him with my own eyes, and I can't start denying what he did in my life. One of my favorite scriptures of all time is in Acts chapter 5. Believers are being persecuted.
- And there's this committee of people, and they're like, what are we going to do with them? He said, hey, listen, guys, the message they carry is of human origin. It'll fizzle out like every single one. Amen.
- We've seen this happen before. Then he says these words. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men. You don't have to be afraid of the situation.
- **There's something in you that's greater than that You have a source of strength everybody else don't have - You have a source of peace everybody else don't have - God chose you - He brought you here - You didn't get yourself here - Let's be honest - We didn't do this - You couldn't have wrote it any better - God did this - And if it's true Let's live like it's true. When you believe God chose you, it keeps you ready. It keeps you ridiculous. The last one is, it keeps you reverent.**

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- I was talking to my dad on the way here. And he told me something about two or three months ago that I didn't know. And it was that five generations back, I was thinking of a man named Jack Alonzo. You don't know Jack. Jack Alonzo was born in like 1824. But he was a preacher. And I was thinking of a man named Luther Alonzo. You don't know Luther, but Luther was a preacher. And I was thinking that, you know, know it looks reverent because I know he didn't have to put me up here. And I'm not talking about up here. I'm just talking about when I woke up this morning and I said - he didn't have to do that. Thank you.
- We've had the same argument a thousand times, of course. But at some point early on in our marriage, we've worked through this now, but at some point earlier in our marriage, we would meet each point, and I would just be like, okay, sorry. And she'd be like, well, I don't believe you. What? Okay, sorry. And at some point she would say, Charles, it's not what you're saying. It's how you're saying it. I know everything I've been through. I know a lot of people have been praying for this moment. I know I didn't always have the answers.
- I remember, but God chose me. And so God, I thank you for this moment. I thank you that you're going to help me raise these kids. I thank you that you're going to guide me to where I need to go.
- God, I thank idea that you just start walking around your house yelling God chose you there, things don't change. Amen. But I can promise you, you start to find yourself relating to, there's a scripture where it lists all the heroes of our faith and it says, they looked over to pray for you. If you're in this room, and maybe there are some beliefs, some thoughts, some questions, some insecurities that you've been fighting for a long time. Maybe you don't say them out loud. Maybe you know them, maybe you don't know them.
- Maybe there's just something in you that you know you haven't stepped in fully yet. I want to take a moment and just walked in without asking you, you would have a problem with it. The same is true for your mind. Do not let anything run up in there. It is too valuable. It is too important. You stand guard after the Bible says, guard your heart above all else. I'm going to ask you to fight. You're going to need some comedy. You don't need some friends to help you do this. You're going to need something. But if you want the bravery to believe that today, I'm going to pray for you.
- **Closing Prayer: Dear God, right now, every single person, we are all here asking you to do something deep in our soul that is greater than just a moment, Lord Jesus. But we need you to transform some things. There's some beliefs and insecurities that we've believed about ourselves. There's some ideas that were passed down to us that we are divorcing today. Right now is happening in this room and in every room that is under the sound of my voice. God, I pray right now that your spirit would intervene and there will be a holy confidence that rises up on the inside of every believer that knows that God has placed something inside of them, regardless of what they've been through, regardless of what they look like, regardless of where they come from. But God, there is a boldness you in the room. That you need to surrender to this choice. The beautiful thing about the grace of our God. Is he has chosen you. But you still have a moment where you surrender to that. He loves you so much that he says I choose you. But you just got to let me. You got to let me go of your life. You got to let me surrender. If you can't stand the peace, if you can't not having purpose, I want to invite you into a life. It's not a safe life. It's not a life where everything goes away. But it's a life that you can only live, surrender to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

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- If you want to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to count to three. And on the count of three, you're going to raise your hand boldly. You're not ashamed. This isn't between anybody else. But this is the moment where you give up control of your life. It's exhausting. Let's be honest. Don't play nobody. new start and when your hand goes up in the air this whole room and around the world we're gonna start cheering for you because this is the greatest choice you could ever make one he loves you who today is that day three raise your hand right now all over this room.

Part 2: eGroup study questions

Sermon Discussion: "God Chose Me" by Pastor Charles Metcalf on June 8, 2025.

"Daring to believe God chose you keeps you ready, ridiculous, and reverent." Believing that God chose you, which of these three qualities (ready, ridiculous, reverent) resonates with you the most, and why?"

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"God placed you where you are for a reason; it's not an accident." Think of a challenge you're facing right now. How can remembering that God placed you there for a reason change how you approach it?

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"Here's what I discovered. If you don't allow him to be with you and keep you in it, you never find out what's truly on the inside of you. Some of you don't know to stay and believe. I know this is hard. I know this is difficult. This is not at all how I would have planned to go. But God chose me to be here, so I believe he's going to make me in it. He's going to strengthen me. He's going to show me something I didn't know about myself. You have no idea. Some of you have no idea how faithful you can be. Make mistakes. You've fallen. You've cheated. And you think the fact that he did choose you."

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Back up slides



July 18 – Daily Devotional:

“There is nothing miraculous about the things that we can explain. We command what we are able to explain, consequently it is natural to seek to explain. It is not natural to obey; nor is necessarily sinful to disobey. If one man says to another – You must and you shall, he brakes the human spirit and unfits it for God. Many a soul begins to come to God when he flings off being religious, because, there is only one master of the human heart, and that is not religion but Jesus Christ. But woe be to me if when I see Him I say – I will not. He will never insist that I do, but I have begun to sign the death warrant of the Son of God in my soul. When I stand face to face with Jesus Chris and say – I will not, **He will never insist, but I am backing away form the re-creating power of His redemption.**



Dr. Timothy Keller

total freedom = lack of meaning and significance

What if we found the reason for life? Why we were created? Why we were designed? And conformed to that and then honored that?

If there is a design, there is a designer. And if there is a designer, the logos has come. Not some abstract philosophical principle. **It is a person.**

The designer has punched a hole into the world and he has descended. And you were built not to just honor some philosophical principle. But you were built to know and love this divine person. When you know him and when you serve him and you find out what he built you for, when you comply with it and submit yourself to him, you find out who you are. And you are now able to reach your potential.

Have a good navigational beacon in 2022:

“Life and Leadership at the Highest” A quote from an unknown author and requoted by Pastor Tim Keller in his sermon “This is Jesus” part 4 “Two Grieving Sisters Encounter Jesus” at Oxford University in 2016: “The accounts of Him in the New Testament speak for themselves – He combines qualities that no one has ever seen – despite his incredible claims, we never see him pompous, offended, or standing on his own dignity. Despite being absolutely approachable to the weakest and most broken people, he is completely fearless before the powerful and the corrupt. Despite being weary and lonely, we find him remarkably human - filled with joy, fear, love, and anger. Yet, we never see him Moody. We never see him being inconsistent. We never see Him strong when He should be tender and we never see Him tender when He should be strong. Most interesting of all – Of all his encounters with people - we are continuously surprised – shocking us - but never disappointing us – it is difficult for us to imagine words that Jesus ought to have said or deeds that he ought to have done. Nothing he has done ever falls short - in fact He is always surprising us - because He is incomparably better than what we could imagine for ourselves. Why? These are the surprises of perfection – He has tenderness without weakness – He has strength without harshness – humility without the slightest lack of confidence – unhesitating authority without the slightest sense of self-absorption – Holy and unbending convictions without the slightest lack of approachability – power without insensitivity – passion without prejudice – there is never a false step – there’s never a jarring no – this is life at the highest.”