



Chosen
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Matthew 4:18-20

Jesus saw potential instead of position, knowing it was going to be a long road of well-intentioned impulsivity, lousy theology, missing the point, and missteps.

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Matthew 17:27b

- Wonderfully intimate
- Massively empowering
- Faith building

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Matthew 9:9-13

Jesus saw past the persona to the person, beyond the behavior to the beloved.

So What?

We were the unchosen, but Jesus chooses us.

- We are not chosen because of what we have done or what we can do.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.
Ephesians 2:9

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7b

- We aren't worthy... but... We are found completely worthy

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

"...you are worth more than many sparrows."
Matthew 10:31b

- We embrace humility because we aren't worthy... but... we embrace hope and joy because we've been found worthy

We're called to live like Jesus with others:

- We are called to look beyond the presenting evidence.

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- We are called to paint a picture of what could be, exposing the kernel of awesomeness.

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