

CALLED TO SERVE

Realize Your Destiny

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5 MANDATES OF A SERVANT

Philippians 1:1—*Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus...*

Mark 10:35-45—*You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

1. PLAY YOUR PART:

You are a part of His plan.

1 Peter 2:4-6—*As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”*

Ephesians 2:19-22—*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

2. LIVE YOUR FAITH:

You are His personal representative.

1 Peter 2:5,9—*You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

Romans 12:1-2—Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1 Peter 2:11-12—Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

3. EMBRACE YOUR IDENTITY: You belong to God.

1 Peter 2:9-10—But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Isaiah 44:1-2—...whom I have chosen.

Exodus 19:5-6—...my treasured possession...

Ephesians 1:4-13—For he chose us... he predestined us for adoption to sonship... In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him... And you also were included in Christ... When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

WE ARE CHOSEN FOR 3 THINGS:

- > We are chosen for blessing.
- > We are chosen for obedience.
- > We are chosen for service.

4. REALIZE YOUR DESTINY: You are not of this world.

1 Peter 2:9,11-12—But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ...Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

John 18:36—Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

Philippians 3:20—*But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...*

Hebrews 11:13—*All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.*

WE ARE SET APART. HOW?

- > Live the Jesus life.
- > Live a pure life.
- > Live a Christ-minded life.
- > Live an abundant life.
- > Live a hope-filled life.

5. FULFILL YOUR CALLING: You have been saved to serve.

1 Peter 2:9—*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

Deuteronomy 4:20—*...to be the people of his inheritance...*

Titus 2:11-14—*...a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

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All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.

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STUDY GUIDE: 9/1/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Peter 2:4-12. What stands out about this passage? What is the main message?
2. What are the implications of 1 Peter 2:4-6? What does it mean to be a “living stone?” Who is the cornerstone? What’s the meaning of this passage and how can we apply it to our lives?
3. In verses 5 and 9 it says, “You are a holy priesthood...a royal priesthood.” What is meant by this description? What is a priest? What does a priest do? How does this apply to you and me?
4. Read verses 9 and 10. It says, “You are a chosen people.” What does that mean? Rob mentioned in his message that we are chosen for three things: Blessing; Obedience; Service. Discuss.
5. Read verse 9 and discuss what it means to “fulfill our calling.” We have been called to Christ and to serve Christ. Then read Titus 2:11-14 and discuss this further. What does it mean to “do good?”