

The sermon on September 22, 2019 was delivered by Pastor Dan extemporaneously and without a manuscript. What follows are the notes he created in preparation for this sermon; most (if not all) were included in what he actually spoke in the moment.

Scripture choices --> about the choices God makes

Psalm 113 sets the stage --> how great God is

God is great, acknowledging something greater than ourselves

wedding couples, funeral families often express desire to believe in a higher power

not just comfort/the opiate of the masses; allows us to measure/aspire/transform

we can be a part of something bigger than ourselves

abrahamic faiths generally acknowledge that God is great and worthy of worship

it's not that God is egotistic --> like I said, it's a transformative relationship

I'm saying all this as a set-up to what comes next, the central idea:

this God--great, creator of billions of galaxies/people--this God chooses you.

i will elaborate, but hold onto it

Story of David from our second reading

[tell the story]

God had something in mind for David.

Despite David's low status, unglamorous job, the fact that he wasn't as big or handsome or strong

God had chosen him for something. Something big.

Something that mattered in the grand scheme, on God's scale

The reason I'm telling you this,

not just because God's choice of David brought Israel closer to God,

or just because it set the stage for a humble carpenter named Jesus,

but because of what it means for you today.

Just like God chose David out of a humble, simple life to be king,

or Psalm 113 God chose people scrabbling for survival in the asheaps to sit among princes,

chose those looked down upon by society to a life of purpose greater than themselves,

God chooses you.

God has chosen you for something, maybe multiple somethings.

It doesn't matter who; GREAT God sees your worth

GREAT God has looked inside you just like with David and seen that you have what it takes

to do something great

something on God's scale

something that will impact the lives of others and be a part of God's work somehow

Now David knew God chose him to be king because a prophet of the Lord came to his house and told him

but we aren't always so lucky.

But God is trying every day to get it through our thick skulls what it is God chooses us for.

I don't care how unworthy you might think you are or how unready you may feel for the creator of galaxies to pick you for special work.

Every day we aren't listening for that voice or looking for those signs or even just diving in headfirst to stumble in to God's choice, we are missing out.

God has chosen each and every one of you here for something, maybe even multiple somethings, and that should fill us with reverence... but not fear.

Sure, David was chosen by God to be king, and for as many good things he did he also failed and fell short and did pretty messed-up things but God kept choosing David. God could see from God's high vantage point that David was fit for something greater and kept giving David chances.

Every day God is giving you a chance to do something great, to be a part of something greater than yourself

God is choosing you for something, something that you are perfectly suited for, something that no one else can do the way you can.

When you are at your lowest point, feel worthless, alone, without a future, I need you to remember, God has chosen you.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are chosen... and I need, I NEED you to leave this place asking yourself:

What does this great God see in me?

What makes me special, what can I do?

And so, even though I know it will make all the grammarians in the room angry, I am going to end this sermon on a preposition:

What is God choosing you for?

Amen.