WHO ARE YOU, REALLY?
5/17/2020 Message Notes

- **Ezra 2:1-70 (NIV)**
- **2 Chronicles 36:19 (NIV)** They set fire to God’s temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there.

I. YOU ARE CHOSEN

- **John 15:16 (NIV)** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will last - and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

- **Romans 8:28 (NIV)** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

- **1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)** 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.

II. YOU ARE NOT FORSAKEN

- **1 Chronicles 28:20 (NLT)** Then David continued, “Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don’t be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.

- **1 Samuel 12:22 (NLT)** The Lord will not abandon his people, because that would dishonor his great name. For it has pleased the Lord to make you his very own people.

- **Isaiah 62:4 (VOICE)** People won’t talk about you anymore using words like “forsaken” or “empty.” Instead, you will be called “My delight” and the land around you “Married,” because the Eternal is pleased with you and has bound Himself to your land.

- **Psalm 37:25 (NIV)** I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

- **2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NIV)** 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.
III. YOU ARE SOMEONE GOD IS FOR, NOT AGAINST

- Psalm 56:1-6, 9 (NIV)
  For the director of music. To the tune of “A Dove on Distant Oaks.” Of David. A miktam. When the Philistines had seized him in Gath.
  1 Be merciful to me, my God, for my enemies are in hot pursuit; all day long they press their attack.  2 My adversaries pursue me all day long; in their pride, many are attacking me.  3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.  4 In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?  5 All day long they twist my words; all their schemes are for my ruin.  6 They conspire, they lurk, they watch my steps, hoping to take my life.
  9 Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help.
  By this I will know that God is for me.

- 1 Samuel 17:34-37 (NIV) But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

- 1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NIV) David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

- Romans 8:31 (NIV) What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

IV. YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD AND YOU ARE FREE

- 1 John 3:1 (NLT) See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

- John 8:35-36 (NIV) Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.