

Chosen, Called, Commissioned

You Are The Continuation — Part 2

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Opening

Good morning, Monarch.

Last week we unpacked something powerful. We looked at Christmas through Heaven's eyes and answered the question: Why did Jesus have to come at all?

And we landed on a truth that I hope has been working on you all week: You are the continuation. The work Jesus started, you are called to carry forward. The power He demonstrated, you have access to. The authority He walked in, He delegated to you.

But here's what I know happened for some of you this week.

You left here on fire. You received that word. You felt the weight of it. And then somewhere between Sunday and now, a voice crept in.

"That sounds good, but that's not really for me."

"I'm not spiritual enough for that."

"God can use other people like that, but He doesn't use people like me."

"If they only knew what I've done... what I struggle with... what I'm dealing with right now..."

And just like that, the revelation started to fade. The fire cooled. And you convinced yourself that what we talked about last week applies to everyone except you.

Today, we're confronting that lie head-on.

Because the enemy's number one strategy to keep you from walking in your calling is to convince you that you were never called in the first place.

Part One: The Lie in the Garden... Again

Let's go back to where we started last week—the Garden of Eden. Because the enemy hasn't changed his tactics. He's still using the same playbook.

Remember what happened? The serpent approached Eve and the first thing out of his mouth was a question designed to create doubt.

Genesis 3:1 (NASB)

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Indeed, has God said...?'"

"Has God said?"

He didn't start with a command. He didn't start with an accusation. He started by making Eve question what God had already established.

And that's exactly what he does to you.

God says you're chosen. The enemy whispers, *"Are you though?"*

God says you're called. The enemy asks, *"But are you qualified?"*

God says you have authority. The enemy laughs, *"You? With your past? With your struggles? With your failures?"*

The enemy's goal is not just to get you to sin. His goal is to get you to forget who you are. Because if he can make you forget your identity, you'll never walk in your authority.

Genesis 3:4-5 (NASB)

"The serpent said to the woman, 'You certainly will not die! For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil.'"

Here's the irony we talked about last week: Adam and Eve were *already* made in God's image. They *already* had His likeness. The enemy convinced them they needed something they already possessed.

And he's doing the same thing to you right now.

You're sitting there thinking you need to become something before God can use you. You're waiting until you feel ready. You're waiting until you have more knowledge, more experience, more holiness, more consistency.

But God already chose you. God already called you. God already commissioned you.

You're not trying to *become* qualified. You already *are* qualified—not because of you, but because of Him.

Part Two: Chosen Before You Did Anything

Let me show you something that should settle this once and for all.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NASB)

"Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."

Read that carefully. When did God choose you?

Before the foundation of the world.

Before you were born. Before you made your first mistake. Before you committed that sin you're still ashamed of. Before your failure. Before your divorce. Before your addiction. Before the thing you've never told anyone about.

God chose you before any of that existed.

Which means His choice was never based on your performance. It was based on His pleasure. It was His idea. It was His will. It was His decision.

You didn't audition for this. You were handpicked.

2 Timothy 1:9 (NASB)

"Who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was granted to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity."

Not according to your works. According to His purpose.

This is critical because the enemy wants you to believe that your calling is connected to your performance. That if you mess up enough, God will revoke the assignment. That if you struggle enough, He'll find someone more qualified.

But your calling wasn't issued based on your works, so it can't be revoked based on your works.

You were called according to His purpose. And His purpose hasn't changed.

Part Three: Feelings Don't Determine Authority

Now let me get practical with you, because this is where most believers get stuck.

They understand the theology. They can quote the verses. They know in their head that God has called them. But when it's time to actually walk in authority, they check their feelings first.

"I don't feel anointed today."

"I'm not in the right headspace."

"I'm dealing with too much personally to minister to someone else."

And because they don't *feel* powerful, they don't *act* powerful. Because they don't *feel* authorized, they don't exercise authority.

Let me give you an example from my own life.

Before I was a pastor, I was a police officer. I worked as a detective in Port Arthur, Texas. I investigated homicides. And I learned something during those years that directly applies to what we're talking about today.

When I put on that uniform and pinned that badge to my chest, I carried the full authority of the State of Texas. I had the legal power to enforce the law, to make arrests, to act on behalf of the government. That authority was real. It was established. It was mine.

But here's the thing—there were days I didn't feel like going to work. I'd wake up tired. Exhausted. Didn't want to be there. Some days I was dealing with personal issues. I was upset about something. Frustrated. Not in the mood.

But you know what never changed? My authority.

My badge didn't stop working because I was tired. My jurisdiction didn't shrink because I was having a bad day. The laws I was sworn to uphold didn't become suggestions just because I didn't feel like enforcing them.

When I put that uniform on—whether I felt like it or not—I carried the same authority. The power wasn't based on my feelings. It was based on my position.

Are you hearing me?

Your spiritual authority doesn't fluctuate with your emotions. The power of Heaven in you doesn't increase when you're having a good day and decrease when you're struggling. Your calling doesn't pause because you're going through something.

You've been given a position. You've been given authority. And that authority is based on who commissioned you, not on how you feel about it.

Part Four: The Enemy's Strategy Is Your Emotions

The enemy knows he can't take your calling. He knows he can't revoke what God has established. So instead, he

attacks your emotions.

He reminds you of your past.

He amplifies your insecurities.

He magnifies your failures.

He whispers condemnation and calls it conviction.

He makes you *feel* disqualified because he knows if you *feel* disqualified long enough, you'll *act* disqualified. And a believer who doesn't walk in their authority is no threat to the kingdom of darkness.

Romans 8:1 (NASB)

┆ *"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*

No condemnation. Not "less condemnation." Not "condemnation only on your bad days." None.

If you're feeling condemned, that feeling is not from God. Conviction from the Holy Spirit draws you toward the Father. Condemnation from the enemy pushes you away from Him.

Learn the difference.

Romans 8:33-34 (NASB)

┆ *"Who will bring charges against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us."*

Who will bring charges against you? The enemy tries to every single day. But God is the one who justifies. And if the Judge of the universe has declared you righteous, no accusation can stick.

Your feelings might say you're guilty. Heaven's court says you're justified.

Your feelings might say you're unworthy. Heaven's record says the blood of Jesus was enough.

Your feelings might say you're disqualified. Heaven's perspective says you were chosen before time began.

Which report are you going to believe?

Part Five: Heaven's Perspective on Your Life

Let me show you how God sees you. Not how you see yourself. Not how others see you. Not how the enemy describes you. But how Heaven views you right now.

1 Peter 2:9 (NASB)

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

You are chosen. That's not arrogance—that's identity.

You are royal priesthood. You have access to the King and authority in His kingdom.

You are holy. Set apart. Not because of your behavior, but because of your position.

You are God's own possession. You belong to Him.

And you were called out of darkness for a purpose—to proclaim His excellencies. To demonstrate His nature. To continue the work of Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6 (NASB)

"And He raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Right now, positionally, you are seated with Christ in heavenly places. You're not trying to get there. You're already there. Your spirit is positioned in a place of authority.

Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

You are His workmanship. His masterpiece. And there are works that God prepared before you were even born—assignments with your name on them, waiting for you to step into them.

This is Heaven's perspective on your life:

- You were chosen before time.
- You were redeemed by blood.
- You were sealed by the Spirit.
- You were seated in heavenly places.
- You were commissioned to continue what Jesus started.

And none of that—not a single bit of it—was based on your performance, your qualifications, or your feelings.

Part Six: It's Not About Who Supports You

Let me address one more thing before we close.

Some of you are waiting for permission. You're waiting for someone to validate your calling. You're waiting for a leader to tap you on the shoulder. You're waiting for people to support what God has spoken over your life.

Let me free you today: Your calling is not contingent on human approval.

Galatians 1:10 (NASB)

"For am I now seeking the favor of people, or of God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ."

Galatians 1:15-16 (NASB)

"But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood."

Paul didn't run his calling by committee. When God revealed the assignment, he didn't take a poll to see if people agreed with it.

Now, I believe in spiritual covering. I believe in accountability. I believe in community. But I also know that some of you have been waiting for people to validate what God has already confirmed.

And some of those people will never validate you. Some of them can't see what God sees. Some of them are dealing with their own limitations and insecurities.

You cannot let human opinion delay divine assignment.

God chose you. God called you. God commissioned you. And that's enough.

Part Seven: The Power Is Already In You

Let me take you back to where we ended last week.

Colossians 1:27 (NASB)

"...Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Christ in you. Not Christ near you. Not Christ available to you. Christ *in* you.

Ephesians 3:20 (NASB)

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us."

According to the power that works *within* us. The power is not external. It's internal. It's already there. You're not trying to get power—you're learning to release what's already been deposited.

Acts 1:8 (NASB)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

If you've received the Holy Spirit, you've received power. Period.

Not potential power. Not future power. Present-tense, right-now, available-today power.

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you.

The same power that healed the sick flows through you.

The same authority that silenced storms has been delegated to you.

You have everything you need. You've had it since the moment you believed.

The question was never "Do I have what it takes?"

The question is "Will I believe what He's already given?"

Closing

Church, I need you to hear me clearly as we step into a new year.

The enemy's lie is that you're not enough. That you're not worthy. That you're not qualified. That God could never use someone like you.

But Heaven's truth is this:

You were chosen before the foundation of the world.

You were called not according to your works, but according to His purpose.

You were commissioned to continue the work of Christ.

And you were given the power of Heaven to accomplish everything He's assigned to your hands.

None of this is based on your feelings. None of this requires human validation. None of this is contingent on your perfection.

It's based on His choice. His call. His authority.

Just like I carried the full authority of the State of Texas whether I felt like it or not—you carry the full authority of Heaven whether you feel like it or not.

So stop waiting to feel qualified. Stop waiting until you've got it all together. Stop waiting for permission from people who may never understand what God has placed inside you.

Put on your identity. Walk in your authority. And go do the works that Christ modeled for you.

You are chosen.

You are called.

You are commissioned.

Now act like it.

Let's pray.

Father, I thank You for this family. I thank You that You chose us before we did anything to earn it. I thank You that our calling is not based on our performance but on Your purpose. Today, we reject the lie that says we're not enough. We silence the voice of the enemy that tries to disqualify us. And we receive the truth of who we are in You—chosen, called, and commissioned. We don't need to feel powerful to be powerful. We don't need human validation to walk in divine assignment. We are Yours. And we will walk in everything You've given us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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