GOD CHOOSES THE OUTCAST

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(1st Corinthians 1:27)

The people who are considered to be outcasts have been rejected, dismissed, overlooked, forgotten and ignored. Yet, these are the types of people who God chooses to do mighty and great works. The people who are the **LEAST** in the world become the greatest in the Kingdom of God.

The people who are considered to be outcasts take the greatest risks. They accomplish the impossible. They attempt the unexpected. As odd as this may sound, God is an outcast because He's **UNPREDICTABLE**.

People who are labeled as outcasts are unpredictable yet, misunderstood. These types of people are deep thinkers. They do not follow tradition. These types of people are radicals, rebels and trailblazers.

When people have labeled you an outcast it can make you feel like God has forgotten you. Nevertheless, this is **NOT** true. God doesn't forget about His children. He pays attention to the things people **DO NOT** care about. He focuses on the things people consider **UNIMPORTANT**. He remembers the little things people **NEGLECT**.

PEOPLE WHO ARE LABELED OUTCAST CARRY A HEAVY ANOINTING!

<u>ARE YOU ONE OF THE CHOSEN</u> <u>FEW?</u>

Matthew 22:14 says, "For many are called, but few are chosen." If you are an outcast, you are **CHOSEN** by God. Do not feel bad when people place you at the bottom of the totem pole. Do not feel bad when you are a second

thought in a person's mind. If you are an outcast, you have joined the company of some very prominent and significant people.

1st Outcast - Moses

Moses was an orphan. He was rejected at birth by his biological parents. Exodus 2:1-4 tells us that a Levi man married a Levi woman and the woman became pregnant. This Levi woman gave birth to a son. She named him Moses.

Within a three month period, Moses mother put him in a basket to float away on the Nile River. Before Moses could talk, he was labeled an **OUTCAST.** When Moses Parents abandoned him, God nurtured him.

Moses was chosen by God to set the captives free after 400 years of slavery. He is the only person who has done this. No one in history has ever performed the miracles done by Moses. It's amazing how an **OUTCAST** was deemed a hero to millions of Israelites. God anointed Moses for this special assignment. If an outcast can become a hero, what can you do?

2nd Outcast - Joseph

Joseph was the outcast among his brothers. Joseph's brothers hated him because he had the favor of their father. Their hatred of Joseph compelled them to put him into slavery. Genesis 37:3-4 highlights the hatred that Joseph's brothers held against him. As a teenager, Joseph became an **OUTCAST** within his family.

Joseph was **CHOSEN** by God to be the second in command over all of Egypt. Other than Pharaoh there was not one more powerful than Joseph. It is amazing how an **OUTCAST**, who was a disowned slave, became one of the most powerful men, in the greatest country, during that time. If an outcast can become a ruler, imagine what you can become!

<u> 3rd Outcast - Saul</u>

Saul was an enemy to the Kingdom of God. He was known and recognized as a serial killer. He hunted, arrested and killed Kingdom citizens. He was a menace to the believers of Jesus Christ. In Acts 9:1-7 Jesus appeared to Saul and converted him on the Damascus road. At that moment, the man who was murdering Kingdom citizens became the man who would preach the Kingdom of God.

Saul's conversion made him an **OUTCAST** to God. Acts 9:26 says, "When Saul went to Jerusalem, he tried to join the group of followers, but they were afraid of him. They did not believe he was really a follower." The man who was labeled an outcast became one of the most influential voices in the Kingdom of God.

This outcast wrote thirteen books of the New Testament. His understanding of God's grace was profound. How did a serial killer become one of God's greatest messengers? This outcast destroyed the parameters of ritualistic tradition by preaching a radical Gospel. If an outcast can transform the way we believe, what can you accomplish?

GOD IS NOT PRACTICAL

(1st Corinthians 1:27)

1st Corinthians says, "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and he chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong." God does not choose what is predictable because He is not practical. God chooses what is **UNPREDICTABLE**. When you are an outcast, God has favored you.

When people label you an outcast don't get upset, get inspired. Don't cry, get motivated. Don't worry, get excited. When you are labeled an outcast you are **CHOSEN** for greatness!

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