**Who Am I....................It Is God**

One morning while reading my devotions I came upon John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.  The Holy Spirit that spoke this same calling to me in April of 2004 started reminding me that it is not about me or anyone that is chosen.  It is all about God.  That morning became a reality check for me because I was second guessing God on me.  He said I know the plans I have for you andothers but you do not know them. Trust me.

Oh, the bravery of God in trusting us! Do you say, “But He has  been unwise to choose me, because there is nothing good in me and I have no value”? That is exactly why He chose you. As long as you think that you are of value to Him He cannot choose you, because you have purposes of your own to serve. But if you ill allow Him to take you to the end of your own self-sufficiency, then He can choose you to go with Him “to Jerusalem” (Luke18:31).And that will mean the fulfillment of purposes which He does not discuss with you. (Oswald Chamber’s My Utmost for His Highest – August 4th)

The meat and potatoes of this note is to remind all that are in the service of God that it all depends on Him and not us.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. (God does not call the qualified but He qualifies the called.)

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. (It’s not about our works but about His work through us.)

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. (Without the power of the Holy Spirit doing the work through us, we would not and could not do anything.)

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation , a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (Christians are the chosen generation and God has made the provision that all are called but the choice is ours.  It’s the whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord.)

John 15:5 I am the vine,ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (Our life and service are in Him and without Him we can do nothing.)

Matthew 20:16b For many be called, but few chosen*.* (If you are called the choice is yours but when God chooses it is His choice.)

Matthew 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? (We cannot add nothing only God can.)

Ephesians 2:8/9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves:  It is the gift of God.  Not of works, lest any man should boast. (You can not save yourself....It is God who can.)