

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalm 100

Exodus 19:2-8a

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

## MESSAGE

**“Called, Loved, and Sent”**

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## “CALLED, LOVED, AND SENT”

### Scripture Theme Connection

- **Psalm 100** — We belong to God and are called to joyful worship
- **Exodus 19:2–8a** — We are chosen and set apart as God’s people
- **Romans 5:1–8** — We are justified and loved through Christ
- **Matthew 9:35–10:8** — We are sent out to serve and proclaim

## “CALLED, LOVED, AND SENT”

### 1. We Are God's People — Created and Claimed (Psalm 100)

- “Know that the Lord is God... we are His people”
- Identity begins with **belonging**, not achievement
- Worship flows from recognizing:
  - God is Creator
  - God is Shepherd
  - God is good and faithful

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- 2. We Are Chosen for Covenant — A Holy Calling (Exodus 19:2–8a)**

<sup>2</sup> After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.’”

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**2. We Are Chosen for Covenant — A Holy Calling (Exodus 19:2–8a)**

<sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. <sup>8</sup> The people all responded together, “We will do everything the Lord has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.

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2. We Are Chosen for Covenant — A Holy Calling (Exodus 19:2–8a)
  - God calls Israel His “treasured possession”
  - Covenant includes both **privilege and responsibility**
    - Belonging → obedience
    - Grace → response
  - **Key Idea:**
  - We are not chosen *from* the world to escape it, but chosen *for* the world to influence it

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### 3. We Are Loved Beyond Measure — Grace in Action (Romans 5:1–8)

#### Peace and Hope

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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- Justified by faith → peace with God
- God’s love demonstrated in Christ:
  - “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”
- **Deep Reflection:**
- God’s love is:
  - Unconditional
  - Initiating
  - Sacrificial

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### 4. We Are Sent with Compassion — The Mission of Christ (Matthew 9:35–10:8)

#### The Workers Are Few

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

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#### Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

**10** Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

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<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

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- Jesus sees the crowds as:
  - Harassed and helpless
  - Like sheep without a shepherd
- He calls and sends His disciples:
  - To proclaim the kingdom
  - To heal and restore
  - To serve freely as they have received

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#### Key Insight:

- Compassion is the bridge between seeing and serving
- The mission is urgent: “The harvest is plentiful”

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**Application Insight:**

- Our lives find stability when rooted in God’s identity, not our circumstances
- Gratitude becomes our posture, even in uncertainty

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**Application Insight:**

- Ask: What does it mean to live as a “holy nation” today?
- Faith is not passive—it shapes lifestyle, priorities, and witness

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**Application Insight:**

- We don’t earn God’s love—we respond to it
- This love transforms:
  - Our guilt → peace
  - Our suffering → endurance and hope

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**Application Insight:**

Every believer is both:

- A recipient of grace
- A messenger of grace

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We are a people:

- **Created by God**
- **Chosen in covenant**
- **Loved through Christ**
- **Sent into the world**

This is not just theology—it is identity and mission.

God calls us not only to stand in His presence with thanksgiving but to go into His world with compassion and purpose.

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What exactly does this mean for US?

This week, live out your calling in three intentional ways:

**Worship Daily**

Begin each day with gratitude (Psalm 100 mindset)

**Live Distinctively**

Reflect God’s character in your choices (Exodus calling)

**Act Compassionately**

Identify one person or need where you can show Christ’s love  
(Matthew mission)

Ask yourself:

*Where is God sending me right now?*

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