

## The Stories That Remain

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**Message Thread:** Faith to believe you are chosen.

*“One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names: Simon (whom he named Peter), Andrew (Peter’s brother), James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (who was called the zealot), Judas (son of James), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).” Luke 6:12-16 NLT*

**Jesus went away to pray before decisions. Is that a practice for you?**

**Are you seeking God’s presence in your life?**

*“When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from as far north as the seacoasts of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil spirits were healed. Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone.” Luke 6:17-19 NLT*

**Jesus is a promise keeper and a miracle worker! But the PEACE and JOY of being in His presence is a greater gift!**

**Is there a knot in your life that you can’t seem to untangle?**

TEXT: Hebrews 1-4

**Keep an eternal perspective.**

*“Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said, “God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied. God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh.” Luke 6:20-21 NLT*

### Challenge:

- Ask God to help you believe that you were chosen for a purpose, and take time to write out what He reveals to you.
- Decide to be the kind of follower who will seek the presence of God, not just what He can provide for you.
- Ask God to reveal any “knots” in your life, and spend time letting Him show you how He wants to untangle them.
- Live with an eternal perspective.

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