

## SERMON NOTES

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# THE COURAGEOUS LIFE

*Colossians 2:2 (NIV)* "...my goal is that they be encouraged..."

*1 Corinthians 14:3 (NIV)* But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

*Romans 15:4 (NIV)* "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide..."

*John 15:16,19 (NIV)* You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit...fruit that will last...  
**v19** ...you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.

*Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)* For he chose us in him before the creation of the world...

**God chose you for:**

**1. What you are  
not what you aren't**

*Luke 5:8,10-11 (NIV)*

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"...

**v10** Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." **v11** So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

**2. What you have  
not what you haven't**

*Exodus 3:10-11 (NIV)*

So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

**Exodus 4:1-3 (NIV)**

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'" **v2** Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. **v3** The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.

**3. What you do  
not what you don't do**

**2 Kings 6:24-25 (NIV)**

Some time later, Ben-Hadad king of Aram mobilized his entire army and marched up and laid siege to Samaria. **v25** There was a great famine in the city...

**2 Kings 7:3-4 (NIV)**

Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, "Why stay here until we die?" **v4** If we say, 'We'll go into the city'...the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die."

*The best seed in the world will never grow, until someone, anyone, gets off their couch and goes and sows it!*

*You won't believe what God can do, when you believe in you, like He believes in you.*

*Be encouraged, and live the courageous life today.*

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