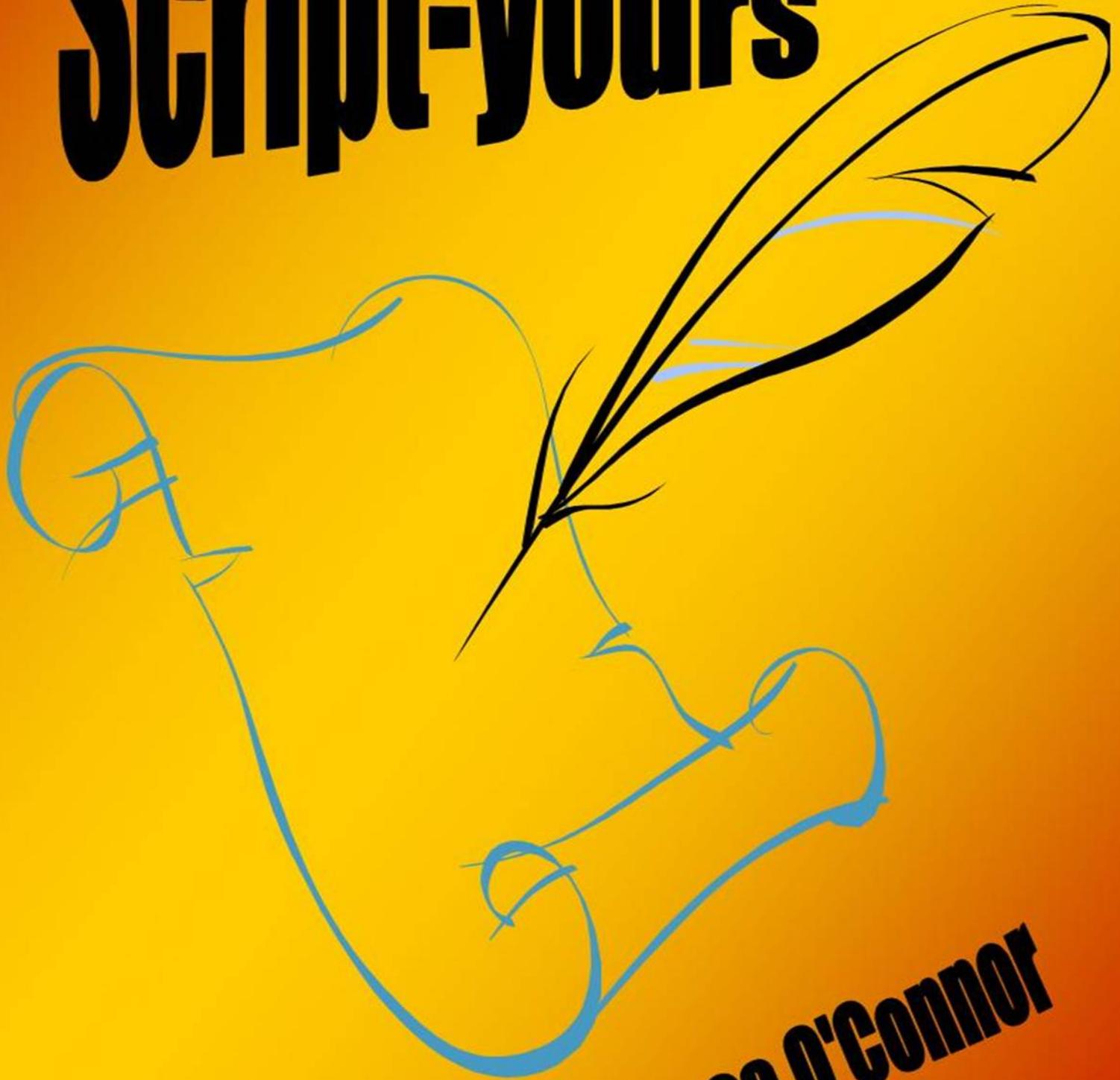


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Foreword

When I knew that the title of this publication was "Script Yours" my first thought was that of an individual being able to write or determine their life's pathway by self establishing a set of pre-determined factors. However, my subsequent impression as to the meaning of the title recounted the myriads of movies down through cinematic history that purportedly was based on actual events or facts. With that in mind one must realize that although a program or movie is said to be based on actual events or facts, the audience cannot assume the degree of accuracy or embellishment unless of course you have first hand knowledge of the event or topic.

My previously mentioned first thought can be likened to computer software that a designer has built to perform a task and achieve a pre-determined end result. Unfortunately a virus can enter the software, corrupting the whole program, much like people. As believers, we often allow our anti-virus protection to become outdated, thus tares are planted causing us to go off task though not intended by design or plan.

To explain my second impression, take for example the classic "The Greatest Story Ever Told". I'm sure that every time a "creationist" thinks about the earth being formed, the Garden of Eden, the parting of the Red Sea, chariot race scenes and the other lavish staging and cinematography, they get a warm fuzzy feeling and think WOW!...I wonder how God or in this case Hollywood did that? Also consider another classic "Planet of the Apes". As the astronauts crash land on what they think is a strange planet only to find that it is Earth but now controlled by apes. I can just imagine the "evolutionist" thinking...whatever it is they think. Maybe they have a sudden urge to visit the local zoo to encounter a distant relative or try making an emotional connection with an ape that happens to look straight at the person but in reality is about five seconds away from slinging a hand full of bodily excretions or spitting a mouth full of water at the visitor.

I believe the reality of what the writer is saying lies somewhere between the two aforementioned thoughts. An author writes a book, in turn a script is developed and a director coordinates the actors,

scenes and finishes the production to produce an anticipated response. The actors must portray the assigned role according to direction, or results may not be favorable when shown on the “big” screen or the actor’s role may be ended before it’s time. Here’s the reality; along with the help of many writers God authored “the book” and the script, went on to star in and direct the production. With a brilliantly written script and top notch director, as supporting actors we must follow that script and direction otherwise the end result will not be as desired. I suppose the question should be, without the benefit of post-production editing, how do you want your name and acting to play out on the “BIG SCREEN” for all eternity?

The writings contained in the following pages are insightful, thought provoking and will change the way you approach life and how it correlates with God’s plan for your life and beyond.

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MY AUTHOR, MY GOD

Heb 12:2

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith/fidelity; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

How many times have we read or heard that Jesus is our author and finisher? As I was reading, I came across this familiar Scripture. I say that verse in Hebrews many times, but God put a magnifying glass to it. **Jesus is our author and finisher.**

- **Author**/αρχηγός/archēgos: prince, captain, author
[An **author** is defined both as "the one who originates or gives existence to anything" and as "one who sets it forth in writing" in the Oxford English Dictionary. The first entry suggests that authorship determines responsibility for what is created.]

Most of us see this as Jesus helping build our faith, however faith is the fidelity of our purpose in walking out our destiny. But if you look closer you will see something that the Holy Spirit revealed to me just recently. The Lord began to show me that we are characters in a story written...authored by Jesus. Now, I can relate to an author as a writer of stories or events etc. using many characters un-named that you assume are the extras in the storyline with named main characters, with whom the story unfolds. As is the case of many authors, God appears in His own story by the name of Jesus.

Matt 1:21-23 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

*Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us.***

Jesus, as the definition of author, determines responsibility for what is created. If you were to ask an author about his characters he would tell you that the character sort of developed as he was writing, but the main purpose for the character remained as planned for the sake of the story. It is interesting to note that Jesus is the Word and who better equipped to write but the Word Himself.

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

The Word wrote the words of life and you and I are the characters written in the story. There are no extras in Jesus' story, but all are the stars with different characteristics so special that no matter how many of us he writes we are all unique in quality.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. [stars: בְּרִיאֹת כָּבֵד righteous ones, princes, royalty]

The story was written before the foundation of the world and, even though we have not come to the end of the book, the story was completed. All the characters planned for and written even before their appearance.

*Gen 2:1 Thus the **heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them**. [host: צָבָא, צָבָא a mass of persons, especially regularly organized for war (an army); by implication a campaign, literally or figuratively (specifically hardship, worship): - appointed time, (+) army, (+) battle, company, host, service, soldiers, waiting upon, war (-fare).]*

You and I were planned for and written at the very beginning. We were part of the earthly host figured within the story. Our beginning was back at the conception of the story, however each of us appeared at the appointed time of our entry into the purposed generation. This is too high for our knowledge but true nonetheless!

*Ps 139:16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and **in thy book all** my members **were written**, which in continuance were fashioned, **when as yet there was none of them**. [My members is added for flow and not in the original.]*

The story of you was written AND FINISHED before you were in existence; you just have not lived it out on earth as yet.

- **Finisher**/τελειωτής/teleiōtēs: a *completer*, that is, *consummater*: - finisher.
- From #5048; make perfect, perfect, finish, fulfil, be perfect, consecrate
 - 1) to make perfect, complete
 - 1a) to carry through completely, to accomplish, finish, bring to an end
 - 2) to complete (perfect)
 - 2a) add what is yet wanting in order to render a thing full
 - 2b) to be found perfect
 - 3) to bring to the end (goal) proposed
 - 4) to accomplish
 - 4a) bring to a close or fulfillment by event
 - 4a1) of the prophecies of the scriptures

You have no choice in fulfilling destiny, but how well you live it out is in your own penmanship. In other words, your purpose or destiny was written but not how you live out your own choices. God put you in a chosen generation and ordered the steps in your life to walk out:

1. By following the Word as a guide and map
2. Being available for on call service day or night
3. By election and ordination

Ps 37:23-24 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

Notice these steps are not puppeteered but ordered. The Scripture shows that you might veer off what is ordered, but that God will always find a way for directing you back. God would that you choose abundant life as you fulfill your destiny and finish well, but sadly just as many of the “greats” finished their destiny with great turmoil and

even early death as in the case of the young man in 1 Kings 13. This young man of God completed his destiny of warning a people by divine sign against the pagan worship at the altar in Bethel but was deceived by a liar and died being at the wrong place at the wrong time. Did he walk out his ordered steps to fulfill his destiny? Yes, but he did not receive the pro-vision of the Lord to stay away from a particular road. God's people perish for a lack of knowledge. God gives pro-vision, but often it goes ignored or unheeded. God's pro-vision is a foreseeing of future events in order to be prepared. This young man's ordered steps took him to his destiny and then he took his steps out of the abundant life by an act of his choice.

Take a look at some of the main characters who fulfilled their destiny:

Abraham: *Gen 17:4-5 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a **father of many nations**. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.*

Abraham's destiny was to be the father of nations. Being of old age was not enough to stop destiny. God fit Abram's name to his call and changed the name to Abraham. God was not changing Abraham's destiny but fitting him into it. Sarah took the pen to publish off course involving Hagar, but destiny was still fulfilled. I do not know what the destiny of Hagar was, except that Ishmael became a nation being seed of Abraham. You see God does not have an eraser. What is written is written. It was through jealousy that the nations became divided, which was not from God's pen. Both Ishmael and Isaac became nations and through Isaac a bloodline to Jesus.

There is no question that God Himself wrote our life story. We were predestined and written before we were born.

*Eph 1:4-5, 11 According as he hath **chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, [6-10] In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

We are a story within a story. Jesus is the author of our story and we will live it out. I repeat: **whether we live it well or not is in our hands.** We are a chosen generation. Look at just a few more of the chosen in the Word:

Noah: fulfilled his destiny: he was called to **warn a people and build an ark of safety.** He was known as the preacher of righteousness. Noah fulfilled his ordered steps and destiny, but little is known about afterward except to say that by his own hand and direction he was a man of intoxication, which brought upon a curse by his own mouth against his son. Did he live out his life well? I would guess not, but no more is said of anything that he accomplished either good or bad from that incident on.

Moses: fulfilled his destiny: he was a man elected to **deliver a people out of bondage.** This man was led by God and often by his own passions. He writes of himself [since he wrote the first five books of the OT] that he was a meek man, but we can read his story and see what a frustrated man of passion he was. He went off course and never made it into the promise land, but a **people were delivered** out howbeit very few from what God would have hoped.

David: fulfilled his course: Jesus came from his seed "Son of David"; both conquered a giant, but one was a king and Jesus IS THE KING. David saw many trials and tribulations some from his disobedience and passions and some from the enemy, but he fulfilled his destiny. Personally I believe his destiny was in being a psalmist before the Lord writing the Psalms, which brings such comfort to us today, but many think it was to be king. It was perhaps both.

Jonah: fulfilled his course by **delivering God's Word to Nineveh.** He did not choose it and was even prejudiced against performing his duty, but he had no choice in the matter because he was written before the foundation of the world. I do not know much else that he accomplished in life or what happened to him, but his destiny is written for all to see.

Peter: fulfilled his destiny: he was the **builder of the new church** [gentiles]. Look at all the passions pulling Peter aside. He was a man of emotion and passions, but his knee jerk reactions caused him much grief. Peter was prejudiced in that he only saw Jews as chosen. While the Jewish nation is a chosen nation, God had opened the door to call all to the cross for redemption. Peter's thinking could not grasp this

until a vision that was explained to him by the gentile Cornelius. Though Peter suffered from his choices, yet fulfilled his destiny, because it was written.

Paul: fulfilled his destiny: to bear the name of Jesus to the gentiles. He wrote to the churches and those letters instruct us today. Paul was **destined to write letters!** [To the churches: Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Thessalonians and possibly Hebrews: Letters addressed to individual Christian leaders: 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy,, Philemon.]

All of these lived lives before, in between and after the call and fulfillment of their destiny. All made choices that affected their lives, so that their lives took some unnecessary turns, but God was still able to complete their story. Each of these was a story authored by God before they existed. They did not finish their course alone; Jesus finished their course so that their destiny was fulfilled. Even throughout their imperfections and shortcomings they fulfilled.

Our veering off course will affect our abundance and blessings as well as rewards, but we will finish our course. Jacob fulfilled his destiny and yet his life was not a happy one:

*Gen 47: 9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: **few and evil have the days of the years of my life been,** and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.*

We need not be anxious about our election, for it is written and unchangeable. Our prayer needs to be that we may live out our lives well and make good choices. We need to pray that we do not miss a call to serve God. Invitations come from God and we need to except those invitations and not be caught up in the cares of life and "things" as was the rich young man who rejected his invitation.

ENLISTED OR DRAFTED?

Matt 20: 16

*So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called/invited,
but few chosen/elected.*

As you can see by the definitions written inside the Scripture that **call** means *an invitation or to invite* and **chosen** means *to be elected or drafted for service*. Whether **invited** or **drafted**, Jesus is still the author and finisher of your destiny and purpose. The benefits offered are for all and not just a chosen few.

Matt 20: 12-16

These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

One cannot choose an election, but we may except an invitation or reject it. Let me explain this by the Scriptures:

*Ezek 22: 30 And I sought for a **man among them**, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, **that I should not** [בְּלֹא no more continual] destroy it [בְּשִׁנְחָנָה ruination and corruption] but I found none.*

[Hebrew translation: *And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, to end continual corruption but found none.*] This goes on for much better clarity, however this is not the book's subject.

When God sought for a man to stand in the gap He was calling on man to respond. This was not an elected position but an invitation to avail for God, and He found no one avail-able! Many were called, and no one answered this call. Salvation is also not an elected position but an invitation. While we may be a chosen generation, we are chosen **to**

be in that generation and not necessarily elected to a position, but available within that generation to be called upon.

Many are called upon within a generation at different times. Go back to Ezek 22:30 and notice that God sought for a local man to stand within a local area. We think He searched worldwide for one, but God was looking within the area of predicted trauma [**a man among them**], with which he had to deal. Not to say that there is not an election or chosen one to stand in the gap because we know that Jonah's destiny was to stand in the gap for Nineveh. Here is the greatest example in contrast. Jonah could not refuse his destiny because it was his election and not merely a call or invitation to obey. What Jonah chose was all the difficulty he had in life, yet he fulfilled his destiny. Why? Because Jonah was not the writer of his destiny. Jesus was the author and saw it to completion. Jonah was always miserable in life. Jonah turned down many a call for happiness and abundance but could not escape his election.

I have been called upon many times and failed at some by not recognizing the call, but I am chosen to fulfill a particular destiny authored and written by Jesus who will see it to the finish. For example, I have been called to open my home for intercession and accepted the invitation, but it is not my election. There are those who come to intercession in my home who are elected to the office. God gave me a vision of a particular time for a particular election. I did not choose it nor did I want it. At first I was even a little **Jonah** about it, but I have been written and my destiny, just as yours, will be accomplished.

There are many times we do not answer a call. Sometimes due to **the lights are on but nobody's home** or we are home, we hear the phone, see the caller ID and refuse to answer. Unfortunately for all, there are many missed calls/invitations. An election will never be missed for what is written God watches over to perform. One more good example of an elected destiny is this one about **Pres. Richard Nixon**: Over thirty years ago, during Watergate, Richard Nixon ordered a huge arms airlift to save Israel in the Yom Kippur War, for which Golda Meir was eternally grateful. It was what saved Israel. Richard Nixon had a destiny that was fulfilled, however his life was in a shambles by his own bad choices at the time. Nixon resigned his office and his legacy seemed disgraced to the world, yet to God Nixon fulfilled his destiny.

I have heard ministers say that we are here because God wanted children. The statement falls short of the Truth until I heard a minister explain it. He said, "*Just as a man wants seed for his future, God needed seed for His future.*" We are here for the purpose of our Father. We are His offspring and future holding His promise of salvation. He birthed salvation for man and this salvation will be carried through the blood to completion of total salvation.

Rev 12: 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

*Rev 19: 1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; **Salvation**, and **glory**, and **honour**, and **power**, unto the Lord our God:*

What does God's seed give *unto Him*?

- Salvation/ σωτηρία: deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.
- Glory/δόξα: dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship.
- Honor/τιμή: esteem (especially of the highest degree), or the dignity itself: - honour, precious, price, some.
- Power/δύναμις: ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

We bring rescue to God from an accuser by counteracting in giving Him dignity in the declaration of our testimony of Him, esteem and give Him honor through our worship and power through praise. This is how a parent gives honor and praise to his child and in turn a child gives glory back to the parent.

We are seed of our Father in His image to fulfill His future. Liken God to the parent who nurtures and bear seed, teaching and training us for maturity. Look how proud God was in His statement: *And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* [Matt 3: 17] Or when God said: *Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?* [Job 1: 8] God was not handing Satan a commission but bragging about Job, evidently knowing that Satan wanted to accuse Job before the throne.

Jesus brought salvation, glory, honor and power to God. Job brought honor and glory to God. Cornelius' prayers and giving went up as a memorial before the Lord. What about the woman with the alabaster jar: *Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her. [Matt 26:13]*

If I could put these words into our way of speaking today, what God said at Jesus' baptism was: "Hey, everybody, that's **my** boy. Look at Him. Listen to Him. He makes me so proud!"

- What God told Satan about Job: "You been checking out my boy Job. He's a good boy and he tries really hard to do what's right and I'm proud of my boy."
- God to Cornelius: "Hey, Buddy, I like what you've been doing so much I framed it and hung it up in the throne room for everyone to see." God to the woman with the alabaster jar: "Sweetie-pie, I'm not going to let anyone ever forget you. You make me so proud that you're going to be seen in my album in every generation from now 'til the end of time!"

You see God brags about us, and Satan accuses us. Think of this: **not only does the accuser go before the throne to accuse man but also goes before man to accuse God.** The enemy tells us how God is not fulfilling His promises or that He does not hear us. One truly successful lie is that God **is not putting any more on us than we can bear!** Many are the accusations presented to God against man and to man against God! God's children are to bring honor and glory and power to Him, but we also give Satan ammunition to use in accusations at the throne day and night. Hey, Child of God, I am speaking to you and me when I ask if we are bringing salvation, glory, honor and power to God. I mentioned this in my last book, but when you testify whom are you declaring? *"Ah been sufferin' from one attack after another. I cain't seem to git no relief! That enemy done hit me hard. I know God doesn't PUT more on us than we can bear, but I'm telling you I can't take one more thing! Blah, blah blah...But God is able."* This testifies of Satan's power and ability and our mere hope that God has enough strength left to hear and see our dilemma! We are here to bring salvation, glory, honor and power to God and take authority over the enemy.

Getting back to the main theme of this chapter of *Called or Chosen*, I had a good question for God. Were not all twelve disciples elected for a destiny? If so what happened to Judas? Then I looked up both words used for **chosen** and found that they were not at all the same. Look:

*John 6: 70 Have not I **chosen** you twelve, and one of you is a devil?*

- **Chosen/εκλέγομαι/eklegomai:** from Gk #3004 (in the primary sense) **lego: to call or invite.**
- These twelve were invited and among them some chosen or elected within that twelve. It is not the same verb as **chosen** in the verse: **many are called but few are chosen**, which is:
- **Chosen/εκλεκτός/eklektos:** *select; by implication favorite: - chosen, elect.*

Look closer at what Jesus is saying in the upper room at the last supper to His disciples:

John 13: 18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

The number twelve is a chosen number probably representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Twelve was the chosen number. We see in John 13:18 the proof that of the twelve some, but not all, were elected. If you remember the invitation of the rich young man to follow Jesus. He would have eventually replaced Judas, or been the betrayer, both having the love and temptation of money. In the end, the twelfth disciple was chosen by lot. I do not know all of the elected in the twelve except to say three whom Jesus always took aside: Peter, James and John.

At Mt. Transfiguration:

*Matt 17: 1-2 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,
And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*

Jairus' house:

Mark 5:37-38 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

At Gethsemane:

Mark 14:32-34 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

Each, of these twelve disciples, was invited/called for a purpose. They were invited to become learners in order to become witnesses. They, all twelve, did exactly that. They went out by twos and taught and healed etc. by the commission Jesus gave:

Matt 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Some of them wrote books in the NT. Each fulfilled their destiny whether it was by a call or election. Judas was among them as they went out. All we remember about Judas is that he betrayed Jesus. Judas was with all the other disciples witnessing all that Jesus did and by example did the same works. He made bad choices and in the end killed himself. Again remember that the rich young man Jesus called to follow Him declined because of the love of money and money was Judas' undoing. Is it possible that the rich young man would have sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver instead? Remember that when Jesus said one would betray Him each asked, "Is it I?" Satan tempted each sorely. Each had had thoughts planted by Satan to reject Jesus. Look at Peter for example. He rejected Jesus out of fear. Peter was heart sick over his failures yet he finished his election because Jesus wrote his story and watched over it to perform it even in intercession at times:

Luke 22:31-32 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

[“and when” not if or hopefully, but **WHEN**]

There is not one call upon your life, but many calls will be made by the Father to enlist our service. I would even say the more you take those calls the more often you receive them. If you continue to reject call after call another may answer and get your reward. We know this from the parable of the talents [Matt 25]. But an election will never pass from one by rejection to another. There are many Jonahs living out their destiny in misery, but God would that you choose abundant life rather than stumbling through life!

2 Peter 1:10

*Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election **sure/firm and steadfast**: for if ye do these things, ye shall never **fall/offend, stumble**:*

It is up to us to be steadfast so that in the call and election we may live well rather than repeating some of the mistakes of our ancestors, who may have run the race but paused by the avenue of misery and turmoil.

Heb 12:1-2

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

AMEN!

THE WORD MADE FLESH

The story goes from thought and plan to visible manifestation. "Get into your places everyone aaaaaaaaaand ACTION!" Ahhh yes, back to the script or should I say Script-yours...your script. You were written before you became flesh...or in other words: the Word made flesh. "Hold it there, Sister! Yer getting' carried away tryin' to take Jesus' place!" YES, as a matter of fact that is just what I am doing and so should all Christians! Jesus left this earth telling us to do His works and say His Words. We are to be Christ on this earth. This is why I took the name Christian. Take Christ out of my name and I am just "ian", which is more likened to the world's religion of MEian. This is not heresy. Jesus is at the right hand of the Father interceding for us, while we are on the earth showing Jesus in us and through us. Jesus on earth was God in the flesh: ***Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: [Phil 2:6-7]*** So I do not think it robbery to be equal with Jesus when ***I present my body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is my reasonable service. [Rom 12:1]***

Let us take a look at some comparisons:

JESUS: [John 1:1] *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* [John 1:14] *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

[Virgin birth]

Jesus was written in the beginning and manifested in the flesh.

CHRISTIAN: [Gen 2:1] *Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host [mass of persons for an appointed time] of them.* [Ps 139:17]

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. [The lightened words are not found in the original.]

We were written in the beginning and manifested in the flesh.

JESUS: [Phil 2:6-7] *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation,*

and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: [John 5: 19] Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Jesus was a living sacrifice living by the deeds and Words of the living God. His first sacrifice was not on the cross but in coming here void of self to present God in person. He died on the cross, which was the greatest of intercessions for our sin.

CHRISTIAN: *[Rom 12: 1-2] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Christians are a living sacrifice living the deeds and Words of Christ. Our sacrifice is to be void of our own will to do the will of God that others might be saved. [By our example and intercession others may be saved.]

JESUS: *[John 5: 20] For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.*

CHRISTIAN: *[John 14: 12] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

Jesus did the works of the Father; we do the works of Christ.

God bestowed everything He possessed to Jesus, and Jesus bestowed everything He had been given to us.

Look at the Scriptures with new light:

*Rom 8:29-30 For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the **firstborn among many brethren**.*

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

- **Foreknow**/προγινώσκω/proginoōskō: to know beforehand

Jesus was the firstborn of many who came after him. If you will notice throughout the OT there were many elected to show miracles, however not given for all to do; many who prophesied the Words of God but not all given prophetic Words. These are some who brought signs and wonders: Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah and Ezekiel. There were those who received blessings and answers but not in the consistency of the notables just listed. When Jesus began His ministry people thought He was Elijah back from the dead. Jesus was the firstborn of many, which means He freely passed on His works to **all believers**.

Mark 16: 15-18 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

As a matter of fact these signs accompany believers:

1. Cast out devils.
2. Speak in new tongues: unacquired language, speaking spirit=creative speech=calling forth, speaking mysteries, prophetic in nature.
3. Poison from serpents [any poisonous bite] or substance taken orally will not harm us. This does not have anything to do with handling snakes or snake charming, which are pagan.
4. Believers may lay hands upon the sick and they will recover. [Notice the Scripture does not say that HOPERS lay hands on the sick but BELIEVERS. Also the recovery is not always a POOF and VOILA but progression resulting in wellness.]

There are many who hold to the form of godliness/religion while they deny the power, whether not really believing or totally against the concept of the power being over with Jesus' death and resurrection.

2 Tim 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

I have noticed that believers and unbelievers sit in the same churches side-by-side. The power is not in the church you go to but found in the heart of the believer. “**Believer**” has become a loose term meaning: *I believe there is a God*, for how can a **believer say they do not believe** they have power? “*Oh, I cannot do that.*” I have heard people who call themselves believers say that. Believers believe just as doubters doubt. But believers do not doubt and doubters do not believe. So judge yourself rightly. This is a good time to take stock and discern yourself. If you are a believer then BELIEVE. Where we get hung up as believers is doing the works like someone else. We are unique and given unique gifts that are as different just as our fingerprints and DNA. Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid is a biological element containing genetic information. It identifies. We each have a special identity unlike anyone else. The disciples mimicked Jesus who was their mentor. We do that with mentors, but look at an interesting passage:

*Mark 9:38-40 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he **followeth** not us: and we forbad him, because he **followeth** not us.*

- **followeth/a κολουθέω:** in the same way

But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part.

Jesus Himself did not do things the same way all the time. His physical presence might be at the site of healing and sometimes He would send the Word out and not be present. He could tell the eyes of the blind to see or take mud and spittle to make a salve. Then was the woman who simply took her healing from Jesus without His awareness as the woman with the issue of blood. Jesus flowed with the move of the Spirit of God. He did not get into a pattern of rules like the Pharisees. Jesus had the hardest time explaining Truths with religious leaders even the ones who truly desired to get understanding like Nicodemus:

John 3: 7-8 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

- **Born:** γεννάω/gennaō: bring forth
- **Again:** ανόθεν/anōthen: from above, again, from the beginning (very first), the top.
- **Wind:** πνεύμα/pneuma: ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind.

Look at this Scripture with the full translation:

Marvel not that I say unto thee, ye must be brought forth and beget from above, from the beginning, from a higher place, heaven.

The pneuma spirit of man breathes wheresoever it is purposed to be and hearkens to the voice himself with the exception it does not perceive with its eyes or senses the place from its original source of coming into being and where it will depart, so is every individual that is begotten out of pneuma Spirit.

Jesus is trying to tell Nicodemus of their predestination from the beginning of time. It was hard enough to explain it in earthly stories, therefore how could He make Nicodemus comprehend the heavenly? Nicodemus was written and purposed for his generation and put in a flesh container to live out a section of time. The Word became flesh. This does not only apply to Jesus but also to believers.

Do not think it robbery to be equal to Jesus when we make ourselves of no reputation, and take upon us the form of a servant, to be made in the likeness of Christ.

AMEN

LIBRARY OF BOOKS

We take the name/character of Christ being Christ-ians. We give ourselves as a living sacrifice doing what Jesus did and saying what Jesus would say. We were inscribed, recorded, written. There is one book we live by on this earth, which contain the eternal Words of Jesus, but there are other books authored by Jesus:

*Rev 20: 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the **books** were opened: and another book was opened, which is the **book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the **books**, according to their works.*

There are many books, which ranged from predestination to eternity: a book of census, one of deeds, one of life and the manual of history with our prophetic future: the Bible. It was admitted that not all that Jesus did could actually be recorded on earth, though His deeds are all recorded in heaven:

John 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

The categories of books could be best separated this way:

- Books of genealogy
- Books of remembrance
- Lamb's Book of Life

I. The **books of genealogy** hold the census names of every human predestined for birth on earth:

[Scriptures may be repeated from other chapters for order of this sequencing.]

Gen 2:1

*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the **host** [mass of persons] of them.*

Ps 139:16 *Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all were written, in continuance were fashioned, when none of them. [Words taken out were not in the original.]*

II. The **books of remembrance** hold the deeds great and small. These books are still being written as we live out our lives on earth. These books hold the deeds as a memorial to be remembered and rewarded.

Ps 87:5-6 *And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.
The LORD shall count, when he **writeth up the people**, this was [one] born there.*

Acts 10:4 *Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. [Cornelius]*

Matt 26:13 *Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her. [woman with the alabaster jar]*

There will be a great day of rewards as the books are opened:

Luke 6:35

*But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and **your reward shall be great**, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.*

1 Cor 3:8

*Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own **reward according to his own labour**.*

1 Cor 3:13-15

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Rev 22:12

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Matt 10:42

And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

I especially liked the last verse as showing an honorable mention on the Great Awards Day to come.

III. The **Lamb's Book of Life** only has the names of those who accept Christ as their Savior and allowed Jesus a place to live in them. [I had not understood the different books before this writing and have misspoken.] Our genealogy was predestined and the elected positions were predestined but not the names of those who would be saved since that is an open invitation to be received by whosoever will.

Phil 4:3

*And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the **book of life**.*

Rev 13:8

*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [beast], whose names are not written in the **book of life of the Lamb** slain from the foundation/conception of the world. Selah. [Jesus being slain was the plan conceived from the foundation of the world. This was not referring to the names.]*

Rev 21:27 *And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

Rev 3:5 *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the **book of life**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

It is not a perfect people written in the Lamb's Book of Life but a saved people who overcame the obstacles, however long it took and however hard to accomplish success and victory. Look at Job who had much confusion over the name of his enemy, wrangling, rehearsing and murmuring but had success in the end. God did not blot Job out but rather straightened him out. God's mercy overcomes our ignorances.

Ps 103: 13-14 Like as a father pitith his children, so the LORD pitith them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

While we were all predestined/elected to be born and few predestined/elected to particular service, we were all called/invited to Salvation. Now it is the Script-yours as far as living in obedience to follow after abundant life and take the many calls to serve which are offered us. We have the Bible. The word "Bible" comes from the Egyptian word for parchment, byblos. The Greek word biblios means books or scrolls. Later, it was translated into Latin, biblia, meaning "book". There are many things written calling themselves a book, however not titled book, but the word Bible is the exact translation titled BOOK. There is only one writing called BOOK in existence. It is world wide in all languages.

The Bible is divided into two large groups of books called testaments, which mean: covenant or will as in last will and testament. The OT gives the examples of peoples and nations recorded for history along with prophecies. The NT contains our instructions for Salvation and living the abundance of a servant of the living God. These are Scriptures giving, as I said before, instructions, however what we choose is script-yours.

Prov 22: 1 A good name/character is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

In many books is the script of our name and character. Our character is the realm of deeds recorded and lived out. Our character is more precious than any or all the wealth on this earth, for who can put a price on eternity?

Matt 13: 45-46 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

This parable shows that man will seek out riches but give all to enter eternal life, which interestingly the entrance is a gate of pearl!

Rev 21: 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

Salvation, our great pearl, is the key that opens the pearly gate to eternity.

To conclude:

God had a plan in which Jesus is the author and finisher. We were written in this plan in several books:

- The book of genealogy
- The books of remembrance and rewards
- The Lamb's Book of Life

We are a word made flesh doing the works of Jesus. The BOOK/Bible has the entire main story from start to finish, however the Bible does not contain all of our names and works. We are in the future generation of progress in which Daniel saw but sealed up until Jesus revealed this Revelation to John on the Isle of Patmos. Each of our lives is like the flow of the "*domino effect*" touching prophetic progression to the last AMEN in Revelation. The Scriptures will be fulfilled and script-yours will come to a close, but when they do it is this report we desire to attain: Well done, thou good and faithful servant:

*Thou hast been faithful over a few things,
I will make thee ruler over many things:
enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
[Matt 25:21]*

AMEN!

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Identity Theft
Reservations
On Earth As It Is In Heaven
Stumblingstones and Other Pitfalls
Give Satan A Ride and He'll Do The Driving
That Taste Of Wilderness
Boil The Frogs Slowly
A Dragon's Tale
I'll Fly Away O Glory
To Be-Attitude Or Not To Be?
Ya Gotta be kiddin' me, lord!
The Milk, The Meat and The Manna
Rules of Engagement
In The Image
The Adam's Family
Poster Child
Reconciliation For Dummies
Hidden Manna
Voice of Destiny