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Refining Our Calling

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Refine Our Calling

☞ God Choose You.

☞ Embrace His Calling

☞ Many Illustration described God's calling for his people in the Bible

☞ Clay in his hands (Potter and Clay)

☞ Sheep and Shepard

☞ Servant

☞ Friend

☞ Children of God

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☞ Most important calling

☞ To be his Bride

☞ Calling to have an intimate relationship with God

☞ Isaiah 62:5

☞ As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.

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- ☞ The way bridegroom rejoices over a bride
- ☞ How does God look at you?
- ☞ He sees you like his bride
- ☞ When we get married. The wife looks perfect to you
- ☞ That is how God look at us...beautiful...perfect
- ☞ Remember first date?
- ☞ God is in love with you



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∞ 1st Century Wedding

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1. Groomsmen are the ones who make the invitation

☞ John 15: 14-15

☞ You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you The first time you walk into church

☞ This word here friends is like a groomsmen

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☞ 2 Corinthians 5: 18-20

☞ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were **making his appeal through us**. We implore you on **Christ's behalf**: Be reconciled to God.

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- ☞ The only way someone can enter reconciliation with God is through the groomsmen
- ☞ That is the calling, we are his friend.
- ☞ He choose us and appointed us to go share with people
- ☞ Make no mistake, many are waiting and searching.
(My Story)
- ☞ We just need to offer. He gets rejected not us

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2. Faithfully waiting for the groom

☞ Remember there is a price paid for you to be released in marriage

☞ What is the cost to free you from your old family and to put you in God's family.

☞ What's the price of those two people got to negotiate?

☞ We know that price !

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☞ Hebrews 10 :11-14

☞ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

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- ☞ Imagine, whenever we sin we gotta sacrifice an animal
- ☞ What if you miss one. Imagine that insecurity. Imagine the feeling of not knowing for sure.
- ☞ But this price offer one time sacrifice for all sins.
- ☞ He sat down at the right hand of God.
- ☞ In Hebrew culture, sitting down means you are done. Completely done.
- ☞ It means, you are totally paid for.

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- ☞ Imagine travelling back in time, as a Gentile and asked to be standing in a temple as a priest.
- ☞ Imagine the privilege to be in the holy of holies.
- ☞ What does it take for him to leave the holy of holies to live in me??
- ☞ You are so clean right now, even God can lived inside of you
- ☞ You are walking with the holy spirit of God inside you

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☞ John 14:1-3

☞ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

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- ☞ Don't for any second listen to Satan's lie.
- ☞ You are set free with a cost we can't even imagine and is a permanent payment.
- ☞ I am going to prepare a place for you and I am gonna come back for you.
- ☞ Is a proposal, There is no stronger language of commitment than this.
- ☞ I am coming back, be faithful, wait for me.

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☞ Will You drink from his Cup.

☞ Mark 14: 23-24

☞ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

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☞ Last Supper, he is completing the wedding proposal

☞ Imagine Jesus on his knees proposing.

☞ And when you take that cup and you drink it.

☞ You are saying yes.

☞ Is good that we are doing this every week. It helps us to remember who we are waiting for.

☞ We are the bride.

☞ Will you faithfully keep the lamp burning?