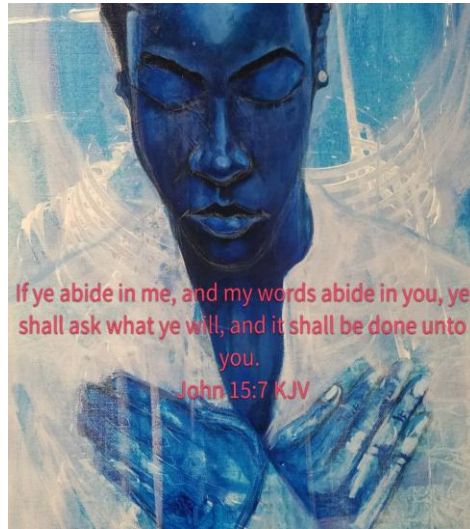


CHOSEN



“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

John 15

You did not volunteer.

You were chosen.

Why were you chosen?

Was it your intelligence and good looks?

Or the Lord's sheer mercy?

Chosen for what?

...“that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.”



And what kind of fruit is the Lord talking about?

Love, joy, and peace?

Or fruit from seed sown on good soil---kingdom fruit?

Fruit that lasts.

Disciples. Women, men, children who are drawn into the kingdom by watching what you do and hearing what you say.

“But Lord, I don’t even know how to begin.”

....**“so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”**

The Lord who chose you keeps telling you to pray.

So do it!

“If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.”

John 15



Prayer: Lord how beautiful and humbling that you chose us. You choose us, you appoint us to bear this abiding fruit. Lord, help us to keep our hearts ever open to you, to truly abide in you and to keep your words so alive in us that, yes, others can't help but be drawn into the kingdom as they watch us and listen to us. We admit we cannot do this without you, so we ask you to help us to glorify you, to bear good fruit, and prove to be your loving disciples. Amen

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