

PRESENTATION MATERIAL – MIKE NOVOTNY

“Chosen & Precious—Two Words to Thrive in Christ”

Introduction: Me, Empathy, and Input

Activity: Name (and explain) three adjectives that describe the modern female experience.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

My Conclusion: It's hard for a woman to _____.

Positioned to Thrive:		

Person #1—Jesus

A. Jesus was chosen by God.

1. Proof:

- a) 1 Peter 2:4 — “As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God...”
- b) 1 Peter 2:6 — “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone.”
- c) 1 Peter 1:20 — “[Christ] was chosen before the creation of the world.”

2. The Greek word for “chosen” means to _____.

3. The Power of the Chooser:

- a) Jesus was chosen by GOD!
- b) Analogy—Mr. Dreamy vs. Mr. Creepy

B. Jesus was precious to God.

1. Proof:

- a) 1 Peter 2:4 — “As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him...”
- b) Matthew 12:18 — “Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight.”

2. The Greek word for “precious” means of considerable _____.

3. Two Defining Moments:

- a) Jesus' Baptism—The dove and the voice
- b) Jesus' Transfiguration—The cloud and the voice

C. The result? Jesus _____.

- 1. He lacked nothing (Psalm 23:1). He knew the secret of being content (Philippians. 4:12). He was satisfied (Psalm 90:14). He thrived.
- 2. John 17:13— “I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.”
- 3. The key: John 2:24— “But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.”

Transition—An inappropriate story about two brothers, a robber, a rifle, and a photo-shopped Jesus.

Person #2—You

A. You are chosen by God.

1. Proof:

- a) 1 Peter 2:9 — “But you are a chosen people.”
- b) 1 Peter 1:1-2 — “To God’s elect...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.”
- c) 1 Peter 2:4-5 — “As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house.”
- d) Matthew 22:14 — “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

2. Activity: Recall a time when you were chosen for something.

- a) Who chose you?
- b) What did you get chosen for?
- c) How did it feel to be chosen?

3. Objection! Why me?

- a) Story—Mozart and the unworthy beggar.
- b) 1 Corinthians 1:26-28 — “Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not.”

B. You are precious to God.

1. Proof:

a) 1 Peter 2:9— “But you are a chosen people...God’s special possession.”

b) Story—Two Surprises, One Changed Man

c) Numbers 6:23-26— “This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ‘The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.’”

C. The result? You can _____!

1. As you come to Jesus, every spiritual gift is _____ yours.

2. Activity: How could you remember and apply that truth when you leave this conference?

Conclusion: Two girls, two words, and one final blessing