



September 2018 Sermon Series
Chosen
Part V: Rough around the Edges
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John 18:10-11, “10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus. 11 So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?”

I. Introduction

Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 20:9

II. Favored with Revelation of Christ

A. Don’t miss your moment, learn to follow the Word immediately

Scripture Reference: John 1:35-42

“There are countless people who have allowed moments to come and go because they were either not sensitive to their spiritual surroundings or were victims of analysis paralysis.

One of the things that you must possess is a sense of urgency.”

–Bishop Joseph W. Walker, III, *No Opportunity Wasted: The Art of Execution*

B. Learn to speak what He said, not what they said

Scripture Reference: Matthew 16:13-17

III. Faithful but Resistant to Change

A. Fear of change can cause you to be a stumbling block

Scripture Reference: Matthew 16:23

How to avoid being a stumbling block to change:

1. _____ Go of the Familiar.

2. _____ ! Don't remain stuck in a dead situation.

3. _____ how to adjust your lens to see differently.

4. _____ the past behind, live for the future.

B. Your understanding of the present reality must not dictate your destiny

Scripture References: Matthew 17:4; 2 Corinthians 3:18

IV. Fashioned to Respond to the Crowd

A. When you are chosen, you are called by name

Scripture References: Luke 22:31-34; Mark 16:7

B. Your test will lead to your testimony

Scripture References: Acts 2:14-21; Acts 3:6

“A faith that is not tested is never proved trustworthy.”

—Marcia Furrow, *365 Days of Grace*

Characteristics of Peter, the one who was rough around the edges:

1. Peter was rough, but he learned when and how to _____.

2. Peter was rough, but he was _____.

3. Peter was rough, but he had _____.

4. Peter was rough, but he _____ on His promises.