

Journeying Through the Book of Romans

Season 6: God is God



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Scripture

- **Romans 9:10-24**

And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth." So, then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

- **John 15:16**

You did not choose Me, but I chose you...

Other Scriptures

- Genesis 25:23
- Exodus 7:3
- Romans 3:11-12
- Matthew 11:28
- John 6:37, 44
- Ephesians 2:3
- John 1:13
- I John 3:9

- Philippians 1:6
- John 6:37
- Matthew 16:15-17

Main Points

- Everyone that comes to Jesus, Jesus will save.
- If we're born of God, we're not going to want to sin.

Discussion Questions

1. What was God's criteria for selecting Jacob over Esau? Was it based on their actions or desirability?
2. How does Paul answer the objections he assumes will come by sharing God's selection of Jacob?
3. What is the choice we have to make today concerning this truth? What is your choice? Write about it.
4. God's selection is rooted in His mercy. What does this mean?
5. How does the story of Pharaoh show God's purposes for hardening his heart?
6. Why is accusing God an inappropriate response?
7. In what or whom is our salvation rooted? Write about how this truth provides us with security and empowerment.