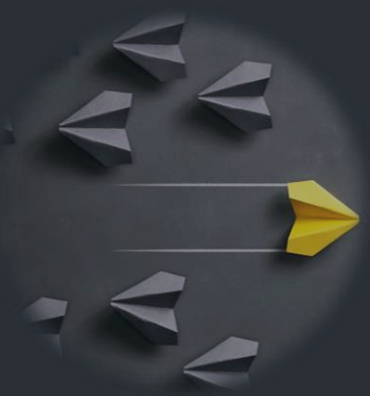




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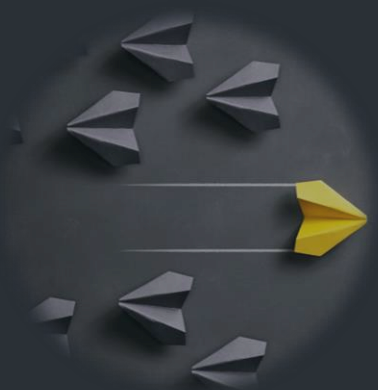
Psalm 65:4 ✨ 1 Peter 2:9



# CHOSEN FOR EXCELLENCE

**The Lord elevates the ordinary to excellent!**

- It was so with the nation of Israel (Deuteronomy 7:1-12).
- It is still so with His people today.
  - *We are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37; Revelation 17:14).*
  - *Yet we were not chosen because we are greater than others (1 Corinthians 1:27-28; Titus 3:4-6).*



# CHOSEN FOR EXCELLENCE

**We are Chosen for Christ-like Excellence!**

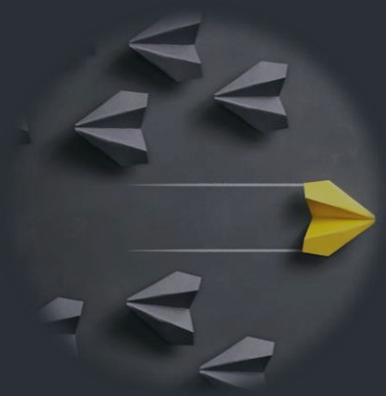
- To be conformed to the image of God's Son (Romans 8:28-29; 33-34).
- To be holy, blameless, and loving children (Ephesians 1:3-5).



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**We must strive to become Christ-like.**

- We are to “put on” Christ-like qualities (Colossians 3:12-14)
- We must believe the truth and stand fast in it (2 Thessalonians 2:13-15).
- Even as it was up to the chosen Israelites to obey God, it is up to us to make our calling and election sure (2 Peter 1:5-11).



# CHOSEN FOR EXCELLENCE

## Takeaways from 1 Peter 2:9-12

- **You are a chosen person – God’s special possession** (Jeremiah 32:8; Romans 9:26).
- **Live like you’ve been chosen to proclaim the excellencies of God in a dark world, *because you have been*** (Psalm 67:1-2).