Chosen & Trained (Selected Scriptures)

Matthew 10:2-4	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:14-16	Acts 1:13
Peter	Peter	Peter	Peter
Andrew	James	Andrew	James
James	John	James	John
John	Andrew	John	Andrew
Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thomas
Thomas	Matthew	Matthew	Bartholomew
Matthew	Thomas	Thomas	Matthew
James	James	James	James
(son of Alphaeus)	(son of Alphaeus)	(son of Alphaeus)	(son of Alphaeus)
Lebbaeus	Thaddeus	Simon	Simon
(surn. Thaddeus)	Simon	Judas	Judas
Simon	Judas Iscariot	(son of James)	(son of James)
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Issue: Learning about strength.

Psalm 105:4

⁴ Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.

Psalm 147:5

⁵ Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite. Peter & Me

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Needed: Sustaining <u>truths</u> about the <u>Trainer</u>.

Psalm 118:1

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting.

"No one speaks as often as Peter, and no one is spoken to by the Lord as often as Peter. No disciple is so frequently rebuked by the Lord as Peter; and no disciple ever rebukes the Lord except Peter (Matthew 16:22). No one else confessed Christ more boldly or acknowledged His lordship more explicitly; yet no other disciple ever verbally denied Christ as forcefully or as publicly as Peter did.

"No one is praised and blessed by Christ the way Peter was; yet Peter was also the only one Christ ever addressed as Satan. The Lord had harsher things to say to Peter than He ever said to any of the others. All of that contributed to making him the leader Christ wanted him to be." – John MacArthur [Twelve Ordinary Men, page 39]

I Peter 1:6 & 7

- ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,
- ⁷ so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;



III. Recipients of <u>mercy</u> & <u>patience</u>.



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Reminder: He has not <u>dealt</u> with me according to my <u>sin</u>.

Psalm 103:8-10

- ⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.
- ⁹ He will not always strive *with us*, nor will He keep *His anger* forever.
- ¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 145:8 & 9 ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. ⁹ The LORD is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works.