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The Mission of
FBCWR:

*Connecting People to
God's Life-Changing
Power*

*We've Got
Connections!*

*But you are a chosen
people, a royal priest-
hood, a holy nation,
a people
belonging to God, that
you may declare the
praises of him who called
you out of darkness into
his wonderful light.*

1 Peter 2:9

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Don't Get Too Cozy

Yesterday I had a conversation with a 15-year-old student. He was feeling rejected and not valued. "Nobody has chosen me for anything, not even to be on their teams. My mom even loves my sister more than me." I went away feeling so helpless and frustrated because I wanted God to make him feel special and chosen... Now!

It's funny how my own faith is attacked when I can't make God real to people I like. I cried out to God to be Real....To show up....To touch his life.

He led me to 1 Peter 2:9 in The Message translation:

You are chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted. Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul.

Don't Get Too Cozy

Tell others of the night and day difference You have made for me????? I realized He hasn't made a night and day difference in my life recently. Why??? I have been trying to make this world my home.

I want to be cozy here... that warm fireplace, hot chocolate feeling...

- * The perfect job that makes me feel valued.
- * Those perfect children that make me look like the perfect parent.
- * That full wallet that fills every need.
- * That perfect church that can take all my problems away.

Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul... The ego that needs... to be valued... that needs the approval of this world. The ego that needs... so much, but is never satisfied.

"Terri, you are chosen by Me, to do the priestly work of crying out for others... to speak out for Me to tell others of the night and day difference I made for you".

I got the message and realized I am on God's team. He chose me... He chose my student (who received Christ two years ago). He came in my class the next day and whispered in my ear, "Mrs. Fornear my mom really is trying to love me, last night. I told her how she makes me feel. She said she was sorry."

My God heard my cry for Him to be real in this boy's life. He answered. He has made a night and day difference in my life. He was real to me. All I needed to do was ask.

-Terri Fornear

