Foundation Scriptures: Joshua 24:15 & Matthew 22:14

Chosen

A. The Strength of David

- 1. Why was David so bold...so strong...so different?
- 2. I Samuel 16:13 The Anointing of God!
 - David knew that he could not lose because he had been prophesied to be king.
 - The Anointing and the Spirit of the Lord are significant and the same: Jesus found the place that was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has ANOINTED me..."
- 3. What is the anointing? *Isaiah* 10:27
 - Unction; Gift / Smearing; Special Endowment from the Holy Spirit.
 - If you want to be chosen, you must have His anointing.
 - This is what separates you, this is what makes you bold, strong, and different. This is what gives you happiness, God's joy, the power to live!

4. I Samuel 16:14-23

- Think about this: when you do not have God's anointing, it can open the door for something else. (God did not give Saul this evil spirit...Saul's disobedience allowed it in).
- Notice vs. 18 People will see the anointing...they may not know what it
 is, but it is tangible in every sense of the word! (The Lord is with Him!).
- The anointing is what enables you to prosper in everything you do. (David was a warrior and a Psalmist...when he played the harp, the devil retreated.)
- The anointing is the yoke-destroying tangible presence of God; When you
 have His anointing, you have the Presence of God...you have the Hand of
 God! (Moses said, "I will not move except your Presence goes with me!")

B. The Favor of Joseph

- 1. Genesis 39:1-6
- 2. When you have God's anointing, you have His Favor
 - Things happen for you...the planets line up...good things come your way.
 - The anointing of God doesn't come through wishful thinking...it comes through steadfast believing! (If you believe it, you would speak it.)
- 3. When you have His anointing, you will Know that you Know! (I John 2:20)

II. Protecting the Anointing

- A. Be watchful and alert
 - 1. One of Satan's greatest achievements is distraction when everything is "going well"...
 - 2. Genesis 39:7-12 (Satan was watching, waiting....)
 - 3. Genesis 39:20-21 "But the Lord was with Joseph."

B. I Peter 5:8

- 1. No time to "relax"....Press forward! (Supernatural strength and rest comes when you stay focused in the battle....Stop saying, "I'm tired", and start saying, "He gives power to the faint..." *Isaiah 40:29-31*
- 2. Keep your "feelings" in line with the Word; Emotions can yield dangerous consequences to your faith and to the anointing.
- 3. Don't forget the goodness of God; don't forget the anointing of God....what you have seen God do in your life, keep it always close to your heart (John the Baptist).