

TOUGH LOVE FOR THE HALF-HEARTED

Serving Leftovers – Malachi 1

The Basics (Malachi 1:1)

Author: _____ through _____

Recipients: _____

Genre: _____

Chosen & Loved (Malachi 1:2-5)

“I have loved you,’ says the Lord.”

Malachi 1:2

(Plot names in the family tree)

Abraham

Isaac

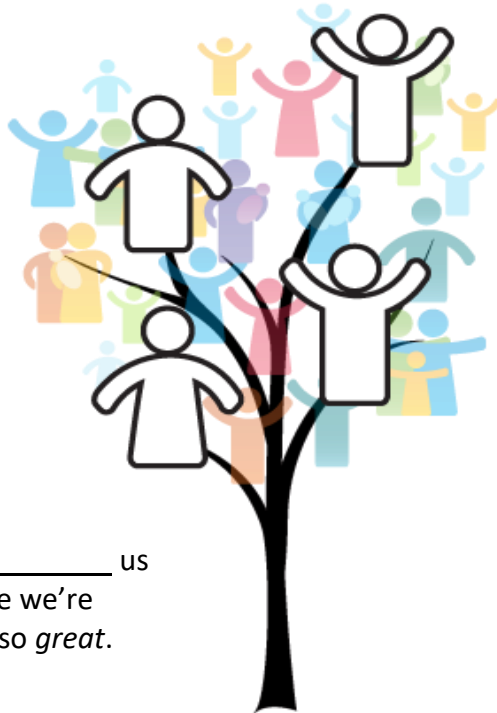
Jacob

Esau

Loved = Chosen

Hated = (not) Chosen

God’s love: God _____ us into his family, not because we’re so good but because he is so *great*.



Serving Leftovers to a Great King (Malachi 1:6-14)

“When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong?”

Malachi 1:8

“In view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is true worship.”

Romans 12:1

What areas of my life am I holding back from God?

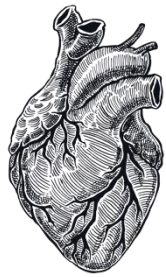
How has my walk with Jesus been half-hearted?

God’s response to half-hearted worship: _____ the doors. Stop _____.

“For I am a great king,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and my name will be feared among the nations...”

Malachi 1:14

Give God your best, not what’s left.



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Recipients: Israel

Genre: Prophecy

Chosen & Loved (Malachi 1:2-5)

“I have loved you,’ says the Lord.”

Malachi 1:2

(Plot names in the family tree)

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God’s love: God adopts us into his family, not because we’re so good but because he is so *great*.



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When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals,
is that not wrong?”*

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*“In view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God – this is true worship.”*

Romans 12:1

What areas of my life am I holding back from God?

How has my walk with Jesus been half-hearted?

God’s response to half-hearted worship: Shut the doors. Stop pretending.

“For I am a great king,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and my name will be feared among the nations...”

Malachi 1:14

Give God your best, not what’s left.