

Hidden Treasure



"You are a chosen vessel, set apart though weak and fragile yet carry the treasure Christ Himself."

This phrase has been a source of inspiration to me in my religious commitment for past years. Let us reflect on the theme, "God's Intervention" in the life of a Chosen Vessel makes it discover its Hidden Treasure".

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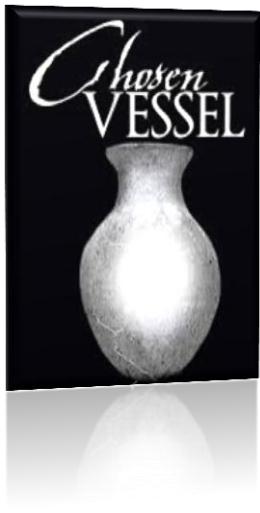
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Chosen Vessel → On that pleasant night, overwhelmed with immense love for his disciples, Jesus chose to establish unconditional relationship by instituting the Holy Eucharist. In other words He chose to remain with us forever by becoming the sacrificial lamb for the love of His disciples. Jesus chose to be born in the manger-in utter poverty and die on the cross-a most humiliating death. God the Father chose Mary to be that vessel which could carry His word and manifest to the world, Father's preferential love for humanity. Mary was chosen among many. We have a long list of chosen people in the O.T. and N.T. Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Joshua, David, Apostles, Paul, Mother Eliswa and today you and me.



Every choice separates it from the whole. In the Holy Eucharist Chalice is a chosen vessel which is set apart for a special purpose. Jesus was chosen Son of the Father to be the redeemer of the world. Mary was set apart to become the co-redeemer of the world. Abraham was chosen to be the father of faith. Moses was chosen from his birth to be the liberator of his people. Peter was chosen to be the rock on which He would build His church. Paul was chosen to preach to the gentiles. Our holy Mother St. Teresa was chosen among many nuns in the cloister to reform the Carmelite Order. Mother Eliswa was chosen to be the prophetess of 19th century to be the voice of women flock.



In all this choice what is to be focused is that the vessel is chosen not because of its worth or ability but it's the Master wishes to choose this particular one in spite of all its unworthiness, its brokenness, its frugality and earthiness.

Master Wishes To choose and that's what happened in the life of our beloved Foundress Mother Eliswa. After the death of Vareed her husband Mother Eliswa lay aside just like the clay vessel, not expecting to be made whole. Empty and Earthly, helplessly broken, a widow to journey alone the long path of life. In that desperate situation she experienced the glorious visit of the Master with His eternal plan. Thus she was that chosen vessel which became the indigenous seed

and gave birth to a gigantic tree to shelter many.

Master chose Eliswa the first Indian women to begin religious life when it was never thought of for women in India. Her daughter Anna and sister Thresia shared in her Charism. Yes, they were chosen among many and set apart for a noble task to serve the needs of women flock in our society. Today we her daughters are chosen to continue the mission.



May the Celebration of Mother Eliswa's beatification make us ever steadfast in our conviction to live for Christ and His people! Amen!

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