### RELEASE YOUR POTENTIAL: THE ONE GOD CHOOSES Pastor Johnson Bowie October 29-30, 2016

**Potential:** the sum of who you are, what you can do, and what God can do through you that you haven't done YET!

### Acts 1:21-26 NIV

"Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

#### Acts 2:14 NIV

Then Peter stood up <u>with the Eleven</u>, raised his voice and addressed the crowd...

#### Acts 1:21-22 NIV

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#### How Do I Become the One God Chooses?

1. Guard my potential.

**Character:** living Christ-like no matter where you are, what's happening, or who's watching

#### Numbers 32:23 NLT

"But if you fail to keep your word, then you will have sinned against the Lord, and you may be sure that your sin will find you out." What you do in the DARK can disqualify you in the LIGHT.

# Acts 1:24 NIV

Then they prayed, "Lord, <u>you know everyone's heart</u>. Show us which of these two you have chosen..."

2. Develop my potential.

## Luke 16:10 NIV

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much..."

3. Release my potential.

"Most people die with the music still in them." - Benjamin Disraeli

## **Ephesians 4:1 NIV**

... I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

"The smallest good act today is the strategic point from which, months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of." – **C.S. Lewis**