



**“THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS ON ME, BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM FREEDOM FOR THE CAPTIVES AND RELEASE FROM DARKNESS FOR THE PRISONERS...”**

**-ISAIAH 61:1**

On October 1st, the men pictured above went through an ordination service here at Dunklin and this verse was used to highlight what God has called them to. This was initially written by Isaiah and then quoted by Jesus in His first recorded sermon. In summary, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and then immediately found Himself in a battle with, satan, being tempted in the wilderness for 40 days while He fasted. He eventually returned to Galilee, went to Nazareth, and entered His local synagogue (which was the one He grew up in).

He was handed the scroll as He stood and began to read the 61st chapter of Isaiah. Luke 4:14-21 tells of this exchange that took place. What was the significance of Him reading this? He was identifying Himself as the Messiah that Isaiah prophesied about 700 years prior. Upon finishing, He said, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

To me, this is one of the most powerful events of Jesus’ life on earth. This is the moment that His purpose is clarified and who He is becomes fully evident to the people. He was anointed and set apart for the purpose of doing all that is specified in Isaiah 61. He proclaims good news, He heals the brokenhearted, He proclaims freedom for the captives, and releases from darkness those who are imprisoned. This is the entire gospel story in a brief, yet breathtaking and clarifying synopsis.

Jesus then communicates in John 15:16, “You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit – fruit that will last.” What a great calling and privilege to be ordained by Him to bring His gospel to the poor, brokenhearted captives living in darkness.

These men have been ordained as “priests of the Lord;” they have been giving away that which was generously given to them. They were brought to the program, redeemed, and received this message of life for themselves first. In the midst of their darkness and captivity, the freedom of Christ was breathed into their souls and now they have been ordained to be “ministers of God for the display of His splendor.”

They are a people the Lord has blessed!

Nick



# I HAVE CHOSEN YOU



Greg Cronmiller - Logos Lodge, Founder, Program Director

"Upon graduation Ashley and I wanted to stay at Dunklin but Ashley was 8.5 months pregnant. I felt like God was telling me to go home but I didn't understand why; however, I knew I was called to ministry. Just a few short weeks later, the first house was donated to 'Logos Lodge' and the program began"

Kevin Tompkins - Dunklin Memorial Church, Regeneration

"God has been very gracious and patient with me despite living a lifestyle of sin. He not only saved me but blessed me with an amazing wife and children. I'm so thankful I didn't get what I deserved and am grateful to call this place home."



Patrick Koski - Dunklin Memorial Church, Inner Healing

"I came to Dunklin reluctantly for my family. I was 28 years old and lost. The Lord not only saved me, but saved my wife as well. The Lord blessed us with children and I'm in awe of the life we get to live today. I do not take this calling lightly, whatsoever. Although it can be scary, I fully embrace this great privilege."

Zachary Gilhooly - Dunklin Memorial Church, Inner Healing

I knew I was a long shot to be accepted at Dunklin. The day I arrived was the day brother Mickey passed away. Grace was extended to me because of this, and I was given an opportunity. I'm grateful; God has changed my heart and its desires. I have an amazing family and have been given a great purpose."



James Pavao - House of Hope, Cornerstone

"I arrived at Dunklin thinking my children may be better off without me. I had been in 30 programs and I didn't know how anything would change. I ended up spending 7 years at Dunklin and then the Lord opened a door for me at House of Hope. My life is abundant and its only because of Christ and what He's done."

Sean McKenna - Jail Ministry, Treasure Coast

"I've been on my own since my mom passed away when I was just a teenager. I became a drug dealer and addict; however, the Lord blessed me with 3 years here at Dunklin. Since then He has given me a wife and Son. Today, my cup is overflowing! The Lord has called me to prison ministry and I'm so excited for what's to come."



# ...AND ORDAINED YOU

**JOHN 15:16**