

SERMON NOTES

June 1 & 2, 2024

Would You Rather?: Free to Choose

Series Premise: Choosing and having to choose is _____
can be formed. **Proverbs 19:3 | Philippians 1:9-10**

1. God _____ **Genesis 2: 16-21**

2. Bad choices _____ **Genesis 3:1-7**

3. I am _____ choices. **Genesis 4:10**

4. God's will for my life is not a predetermined set of circumstances; it's a _____
_____. **Genesis 12:1-2**

Life Steps

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Monday

Proverbs 19:3

Reflect: What was your main takeaway from the weekend message? Great decision-makers consider viable options, identify possible outcomes, make the choice that best aligns with their goals and values, and take responsibility for their choices. How would you rate your decision-making skills? Why?

Prayer: All wise and knowing God, help me to trust your unwavering commitment to be with me in all of my decisions.

Tuesday

Joshua 24:15

Reflect: How does this statement relate to Joshua 24:15, "Life is the sum of all your choices"? What are the biggest decisions you are currently facing? How will you invite God into your decision-making process?

Prayer: All wise and knowing God, guide me and shape me in all of my decisions.

Wednesday

Philippians 1:8-10

Reflect: Where are you feeling the urgency to "discern what is best?" Identify your best options and their possible outcomes.

Prayer: All wise and knowing God, in my decision-making, help me discern what is best then grant me the courage to decide.

Thursday

Genesis 2:15-16

Reflect: What are some of the reasons God made you to make decisions? How is the "freedom to choose" a gift from God? When faced with a big decision, do you have a tendency to shy away from it or meet it head-on? Why do you think that is?

Prayer: All wise and knowing God, thank you for giving me the freedom to choose.

Friday

Genesis 3:1-19

Reflect: Adam and Eve made a host of terrible decisions. What were the consequences of their decision to defy God? Recall some of your worst-made decisions and their life impact.

Prayer: All wise and knowing God, forgive my decisions to go against your instruction.

Saturday

Genesis 4:1-16

Reflect: God asked Cain, "What have you done?" Why do you think humanity has a tendency to avoid taking responsibility for our decisions? Recall again some of your worst-made decisions. What were the lessons learned from those painful experiences?

Prayer: All wise and knowing God, I accept responsibility for my life and the circumstances that are the result of my less-than-wise decisions.

Sunday

Genesis 12:1-3

Reflect: "Go...to the land I will show you" is not very specific. Why do you sometimes want God to tell you exactly what to do? How have you experienced this truth? "Choosing and having to choose is the crucible where Christlikeness can be formed."

Prayer: All wise and knowing God, in my decision making, help me to trust your promises.