

September 4th, 2022, Sermon Bible Study

Sermon: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See now, today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. ¹⁶This is what I am commanding you today: Love the LORD your God, walk in his ways, and keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances. Then you will live and increase in number, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are going to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you do not listen, and you are lured away, and you bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸then I declare to you today that you will most certainly perish. You will not live a long life on the land that you are about to enter and possess by crossing over the Jordan. ¹⁹I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live ²⁰by loving the LORD your God, by listening to his voice, and by clinging to him, because that means life for you, and you will live a long life on your land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Theme: Life Choices

Link to Audio Sermon:

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Sermon Study Guide

Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.

- 1. The Lord placed life and prosperity, death and destruction before the people of Israel. What did they need to do to have life and prosperity?**
- 2. The people of Israel did not choose life and prosperity. What in their history shows that they didn't? How did their choice affect their lives?**
- 3. God places the same chose before us. What are you going to choose; life and prosperity or death and destruction?**
- 4. Even if we choose life and prosperity (and I would hope we would), have we always lived our lives in service to God? What in our personal history shows we haven't? How has it affected our lives?**
- 5. We don't live under the same agreement (covenant) that the Israelites did. We live under the new convent in Jesus' blood. What does that mean for us (especially when we haven't been faithful to God's commands)?**