

Faith:

# THE POWER TO CHOOSE



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## Hebrews 3:12-19

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Unbelief is the greatest sin none to mankind, it is evil, destructive and death

Without faith, change and growth are impossible and therefore the very nature of our existence becomes worthless

If I can't believe I am saved I can never be saved  
If I can't believe I am worthy I will never be worthy  
If I can't believe It's my inheritance to be wealthy, I can never be wealthy

## Genesis: 2:9-17

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

The most Godlike thing about us is that we are spirit in nature and we have sovereign choices

Adam and Eve had choices, they could choose the tree of eternal life or they could choose the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

They chose to use their right to choose and selected the tree of knowledge of good and evil

They chose a tree that gave them choices and it didn't matter what tree they chose because ultimately God made them a part of his master plan

The path they selected was one that gave them options, experiences, and opportunities to grow from the experiences good or bad.

When we believe that we are here without a choice then we believe we are always the victim of someone else choices therefore we never have to take responsibility for the choices we make.

In this case we choose not to be like God and give someone else credit, power, and the right to make us slaves to their choices.

No one can force you to choose, you have the right to let them choose for you or you have a right to choose for yourself.

People and circumstances will always give you options but only you have the ability to choose what ultimately makes you happy

Adam and Eve choose the right to choose death, to see what it would be like to try to live without God and they found out.

While many of us believe that we would never have chosen such a thing we prove ourselves wrong when we are content to live a life without even having a desire to reconnect with God

How long has God loved an ungrateful and unthankful world, and yet they choose to live their lives without choosing him.

Your choices are a product of your belief, if you believe that God is some jerk responsible for all your problems then you choose to avoid him based on what you believe.

If you believe God is a loving, caring, forgiving, merciful, kind, that will stop at nothing to have a relationship with you, and would never not forgive you, then how you believe you are going to hell because of your weaknesses and infirmities in this flesh

If I were sentenced to a death sentence in prison, I would be more disturbed by life in a cage than a moment in a chamber

My faith causes me to be more disturbed by living a miserable life than dying a horrible death

A horrible life is a lot more painful than a horrible death

The wonderful thing about my faith is that if I don't like the life I have I have the resources to change it, if I am willing to deal with the consequences or changes, I will have to go through to change it.

Today I want to celebrate a God who loves me enough to make my own choices

I celebrate a God who lets me learn from those choices and never condemns me when I make what looks like the wrong choices

I celebrate the fact that I choose to love a God who in spite of my choices will never turn his back on me never leave nor forsake me

# Deuteronomy 30:15

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;