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Everyone faces many choices in life. Some of the most important choices have to do with our destiny. The most important destiny for you is choosing God. Without God in your life, there is a barrenness that you can feel. An empty place that needs to be filled up.

When you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, that special place inside fills up with His Holy Spirit making you feel as if you now have a purpose in life. You do! It's to serve the Lord with all your heart.

By receiving Jesus you are choosing the more abundant life that He has for you. We are not to settle for mediocrity. There is so much more for us.

We begin to change and become more like Jesus and feel fulfilled in life. We change lots throughout our walk with the Lord, but He never changes and He never changes His choice for your life. He has a plan and it is the only destiny that will enable you to do the impossible. It is the only destiny that will give your soul or mind peace. Without that it is hard to live with a joy.

God might not choose you for the ministry, but He has chosen you to serve Him to the best of your ability. He wants you to make the right choices for your life that will make the difference for good. God has plans for you that are good, not evil. **God is a good God** – all the Time!

We are living in some hard times right now, but there is one thing I know and that is that God will be in it with you and bring you through it and you will be changed for the better. It is your choice. Choosing God's way is the right way. We each know right from wrong, but we don't always choose the right way.

We know we need to attend church and we know God gave us the Bible to read so we will know how to handle life, but many choose not to read it. They are discouraged, and feel hopeless. That is a terrible place to be. Make a decision to walk toward God today and begin to get rid of that discouragement.

Satan walks around seeking whom he may devour. Is he devouring you? Why are you letting him do that? You have all the power and authority through Jesus Name to bind up the enemy and come out of all that old junk. Stop the enemy with your mouth first. Tell him you are not going to receive his old negative thoughts anymore in Jesus Name. Tell him to get away from you, your family, your home, your job and your finances in Jesus Name. He will have to do it, because there is power in the name of Jesus. Every knee has to bow to the name of Jesus, even evil.

I'm so glad Jesus chose to love us and be faithful to us even when we make wrong choices. He is always right there to pick up the pieces of our lives and help us go on. **He never stops loving us nor encouraging us. He is such a faithful friend!**

Many people have invested in the stock market only to see it crumble and all their savings go down to nothing.

When you invest in Jesus, no one can rob you of anything unless you allow them to. We have been given all power and authority so we can command the thief and robber, satan, to flea from us and take his hands off of our stuff. He has to obey because of the powerful name of Jesus, and he has to restore all he robbed us of in the past. Now it's our choice as to whom we invest in. Jesus, or the world! The world will fall apart, but not Jesus! He will always be there, always be victorious if you choose Him and His ways.

He will answer you when you call upon Him. He might not speak to you exactly the same way He does someone else, but He will see to it that you hear Him. You might hear Him by a deep impression in your spirit which lingers and will not go away. You just can't get the thought out of your head. It's probably God trying to get His point or word to you. Maybe it's direction for your life.

We are all different and have different personalities. God speaks to us according to our own personality and in a way He knows we will be able to understand Him. He doesn't speak audibly to everyone either, but He will speak to you in your spirit one way or the other.

When He does speak to you and you realize it's God, you will be filled with joy, zeal, enthusiasm, power, authority, and the anointing. It will cause you to get out of your old ways, and choose to follow His ways.

I have never had so much fun in life before I received Jesus into my life. There is joy at work, joy at home, joy wherever I go. He makes me happy! He surprises me with special blessings. Obedience brings blessings! I love to share that with people, because I know it is the truth. When I obey Him, I am so blessed. I am favored by Him and by man.

God has placed within our church people many gifts and talents, all of which they share with us. When a storm tore our sign down and it needed repair, I didn't have to call the sign people to come fix it, several men in the church took it upon themselves to fix it. It looked better than it did originally. Praise the Lord.

When the building needed to be painted inside, God provided workers to come in on their days off to paint. What a special blessing to me! All because of loving and serving Him.

Others are able to run computers and do lots of reports, forms, typing, and bookkeeping. There are faithful workers who count the offerings each week. When there

is a good offering I hear a hallelujah coming from the other room. God has blessed us with a lady who had taken it upon herself to clean the building. She takes care of dusting, vacuuming, windows and the bathrooms have never been so clean. She also does record keeping.

There are others who work diligently in the library and book store to make it tick and keep things straight. Others take care of music and taping of sermons. They prepare the publication for mailing after it is written. They take care of publicity and ads for the paper of coming events. Some pay bills and others do board minutes and reports.

There is no one idle that volunteers their time. Yes I said volunteers. No one, is paid a dime, not even me. Every offering that comes into the ministry is used to support the ministry and spread the gospel. It is expensive to be on television, but God provides. See when it is His plan, He provides for it. This ministry is an outreach for the area.

We minister through counseling, prayer, Bible studies, sermons, t.v. and this publication. We also sell CD's of all our services and Bible studies. We are all busy and love every minute of it. Why? Because it is what we are called to do. It is our purpose! God has made the difference in our lives and in our families lives, to say nothing of all those we reach each week.