

Now Choose Life

Deuteronomy 30:15-20



**The Lord is your life.
Choose life.
Today.**



**“You stir us to take pleasure in praising
you, because you have made us for
yourself, and our heart is restless until
it rests in you.”
(St. Augustine)**



John 6:48 - "I am the bread of life." Jn 10:10
- "I have come that you may have life and
have it abundantly."

Jn 14:6 - "I am the way and the truth and the
life...."



“The beauty...of [the Christmas] season is that we are reminded of the context of Augustine’s observation: ...that God not only formed us but also that He Himself came to dwell among us so that He Himself might bring rest(oration) to our hearts. The Spirit haunts and hounds us until our restlessness converts into peace through Him.”

(Gene Fant, *First Things*)



“We always start with ourselves. We want to know, ‘What am I going to get out of this? What’s God going to do for me? Is he going to make me happier? Will I have more peace?’ But...*If the Lord is God*, then follow him, not *If God can do something for you*, follow him.... If the Lord is God, and Jesus Christ is God in the flesh, and the gospel is true, then...put your whole heart in and follow him and don’t hold back.”

(Charles Spurgeon)



15 - "I set before you *today*, life and prosperity, death and destruction."

16 - "I command you *today*..."

18 - "I declare to you *this day*..."

19 - "*This day* I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses."



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“ _____ is my life.”

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with
whom you will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set
aside for you,

Praised for you or criticized for you.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have
nothing.

**I freely and fully surrender all things to
your glory and service.**

**And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
you are mine, and I am yours.**

Amen.