



CHOOSING

AND

CLAIMING





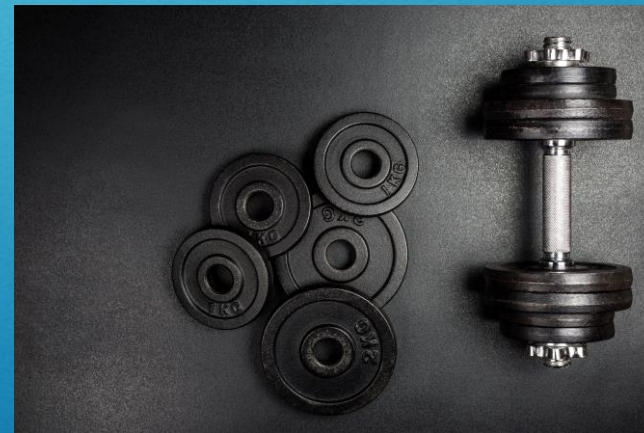


## Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (p. 161)

"For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>14</sup> But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

# We have been given much

Instruction  
Training  
Experiences  
Memories



## Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (p. 161)

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land

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that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess

# Life is Full of Options

- How we live, focus, pursuits, goals, reactions, responses
- Connections, relationships, friendships, partnerships
- How we deal with God, God's Commands, God's promises



## Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (p. 161)

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,

<sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

# We get choices

Options open up the ability to choose

- Israelites' choices: life/death, blessing/curse, obedience/disobedience, take hold/release
  
- Sports, Military, Jobs, Games, Art, Plants

# We Choose from our Choices

Priorities

Relationships

Connections

Thoughts

Actions

Reactions

## Philippians 1:3-11 (p. 921)

### Thanksgiving and Prayer

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

# God gives promises and hope

Remember:

God is NOT DONE

God is STILL WORKING

## **Philippians 1:3-11** (p. 921)

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

# We have Support

Family

Small Groups

Classes

Mentors

Friends

Accountability Partners

Fellowship groups

Disciplers

Teachers

## Philippians 1:3-11 (p. 921)

<sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.



# Prayer of Blessing

We can Claim God's Promises

# What to Choose

Love      Growth      Improvement  
Approval      Purity      Excellence  
Filling      Righteousness  
A life worth living/following/talking about

# What to Claim

Knowledge      Discernment  
Fulfillment      Blamelessness

# For the Graduate

Who are you called to become?

What will you do next with God?

Who will you surround yourself with?

# For the Loved one

What will you trust to God?

Who will you connect with?

As they move on, what will you do with God?

# For those on the sidelines

Who may God be calling you to learn from?

Who may God be calling you to connect with?

Who may God be calling you to speak to?

What is God calling you to do with Him?