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*Do you have questions about what's on your mind? Ask yourself: Is it true? Is it honest? Is it right? Is it pure? Is it lovely? Is it of good repute? If you answer no to any of these questions, your focus needs adjusting!*

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*Always live your life like the Lord is coming today.*

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## FOREWORD

## JUST ONE MAN

**Kyle Butt**

The bloodthirsty mob was giddy with excitement as the gladiators spilled their blood in the arena. For hundreds of years the Roman populace had been educated in cruelty by these vicious games. It seemed that the culture no longer felt the slightest inkling of remorse as the masses watched thousands die for mere entertainment. The carnage had numbed the national conscience.

Into this scene of senseless death and pagan sinfulness stepped a humble monk named Telemachus. Some inner urge had driven him from his quiet life in the East. His destination was Rome. When he arrived, he was shocked to see such sinfulness and lack of respect for human life. His conscience simply wouldn't let him sit idly by as the gladiators murdered each other. He courageously entered the arena and stepped between two gladiators, urging them to stop the killing. Instead of listening to the humane pleadings of Telemachus, the gladiators were infuriated at the interruption. The crowd became equally enraged. Filled with hatred, the brutal mob pelted Telemachus with stones, killing him there in the arena.

But Telemachus' death was not in vain. His story reached the ears of Emperor Honorius (A.D. 395-423). Honorius, touched by the bravery of Telemachus, decreed that all gladiatorial games would forever cease throughout the entire Roman Empire. Telemachus' plea to stop the killing had been heard.

You are just one young man. That's it. You most likely aren't the son of the President of the United States. You probably don't have millionaire parents. And chances are you won't ever be a famous movie star. You're just one young man trying to make it in a huge, sinful world. If you're not careful, it's easy to think what you do doesn't matter all that much. Come on, one teenage guy out of six billion people. What difference does it make? That, my friends, is a great question. What difference do you make?

Let me tell you. Many times in history, the spiritual or physical destination of thousands has rested on the actions of one man. Not an army. Not even a family. Just one. That's all. One.

During Ezekiel's time, the Israelite nation once again became sinful. They had forgotten God's care. They had turned to idols and closed their ears to the truth. The text of Ezekiel says: "The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger" (Ezekiel 22:29). So how was God going to "fix" such a sinful nation? What huge force would God summon to curb such moral deterioration? Did He need an army? Did He need hundreds of righteous people? Nope. The next verse tells us exactly what God was looking for: "So I sought a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one" (22:30).

Just one man was all God wanted. A man who had the courage and backbone to stand for right regardless. A man. That was it. But there were none to be found. No Davids. No Joshuas. No Josephs. Just a bunch of sinful, idol worshiping cowards who would just as soon watch their nation crumble as lift a finger to stand for the truth. Cowards, that's all God could find. So what did God do in the absence of one good man? "'Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads,' says the Lord God" (22:31). All because not a single *man* could be found.

God has not stopped looking for that one man. He looks in your city. His all-seeing eye scans the halls of your school. His gaze penetrates the walls of your home. And He peers into your very heart. Looking for one thing—a man.

Are you the man He is looking for? The biblical principles set forth in this book can help you to become that man; a gap-stander; a brave soldier for the cross. That's what God is still looking for. Just one man.

Kyle Butt  
February 2007



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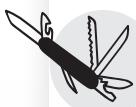
## CHAPTER

# FREEDOM

MICHAEL WHITWORTH



I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH AS WITNESSES TODAY  
AGAINST YOU, THAT I HAVE SET BEFORE  
YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSING AND CURSING;  
THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE,  
THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS MAY LIVE  
**(DEUTERONOMY 30:19).**



## DEFINITIONS

**WITNESS:** one who has firsthand knowledge of an event or a being

**CHOICE:** a decision or selection

**BLESSING:** a good wish or approval

**CURSING:** an evil wish or misfortune

**MATURITY:** the process of growth and development into what one should be



## WEAR

*Waterproof Hiking Boots:* Watch where you step! Freedom feels good, but you need these “gospel” boots to prevent slipping and sliding on shaky ground. Don’t think they will keep you out of hot water: that’s why they are waterproof.



## TRASH

*Crystal Ball:* It won’t help you to make the right choices. Neither will horoscopes, number readings, or tea leaves. Get rid of advice forbidden by Scripture and proven to lead you to a dead end.



## PACK

*Guide Map:* You can never be free without a track to run on. (A freight train is not free in a cow pasture.) Use your map to set guidelines for life’s major choices: “Who are my friends? What work will I do? How will I be entertained? Who will I marry?”

## ONE CHOICE—ONE MISTAKE

*For the umpteenth time today, Kohath shifted his weight from one leg to the other trying to gain some relief. His knees were stiff and his calves ached from standing on tiptoe, straining to hear an old and great man speak. The crowd swelled around Kohath to listen to the final words of their beloved leader. There had been times when Kohath questioned his leader’s sanity. Only crazy people, he thought, go into a tent and come out claiming to have just talked with God. Kohath can barely remember the time the ordinarily calm man flew into a rage and hit a rocky hillside with his walking stick. Water gushed forth but*

the words “strait jacket” and “retirement home” came up at the dinner table that night.

But Kohath also knows that under Moses’ leadership there have been earth-shaking moments for God—literally. Kohath’s father had explained the sin of Korah and his cronies when they tried to strip away Moses’ authority. Moses and his brother Aaron brought the insurrection before the Lord at the tent of meeting, the Lord split the ground and swallowed up the rebels and their entire families (Numbers 16:31–33).

One time twelve spies returned from scouting the land of the Canaanites. “Can we conquer it?” asked the crowd. Ten of the spies shouted, “Impossible!” while the other two affirmed, “We are able!” But the entire nation believed the ten, including Kohath’s parents; a mob gathered outside Moses’ tent with stones in their hands. If it hadn’t been for the glory of the Lord holding them back, Joshua and Caleb would have died that day (Numbers 14:10). As punishment for their rebellion, all but two over the age of twenty received a death sentence, including Kohath’s father and mother.

In fact, that is why Kohath is here for Moses’ farewell address. Few in the congregation remember the dust and hard toil of Egypt. The bones of those who would have remembered are lying bleached in the hot desert sand because of their unfaithfulness and disobedience. Even Moses will not set foot on Canaan’s land because of the “walking stick and water” incident. The generation that crosses the Jordan will be new and young. The pain of slavery is a distant memory. Everyone encamped in the plains of Moab was either under twenty when Israel crossed the Red Sea forty years earlier, had been born in the wilderness, or would die within the next few days—before the Israelites cross the Jordan. The crossers—Kohath’s wife and children and his friends and countrymen—will take possession of the land.

But now, Moses is leaving behind a few last words of wisdom. Kohath welcomes it, because he doesn’t want to make the same mistakes his parents made.

And so Kohath stands on his tiptoes, straining to hear the last words of a great man. Moses has been speaking almost nonstop since daybreak, his voice straining at times. Certain parts of his message to an outsider might have seemed like the boring rants of an old man, and other parts, simple reminiscences of Egypt and of the wilderness wanderings. But not one of the Israelites dares interrupt him, for all of them know the gravity of the occasion.

At last, the leader pauses and gains a fervor in his voice, one that Kohath had never heard:

*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them (Deuteronomy 30:19–20).*

Days later, the old man ascends a distant mountain. All the Israelites know why. They mourn his passing for a solid month. The toughest part of their lives is ahead—and they know it!

## YOUR POWER TO CHOOSE

I am only twenty-one years old but I have already discovered that life is about choices. Some of them are rather mundane. For example, I woke up this morning with a slight headache. I spent a few groggy minutes trying to decide if I wanted to lie in bed and watch *SportsCenter* or lug myself out of bed and get some coffee. Because I suffer from early morning laziness, I chose option number one.

When I finally found the courage to get out of bed, my headache had subsided, so I was faced with another choice: When do I eat breakfast—now or later? When I decided to eat breakfast, I had to choose between cereal and eggs and toast. As the day progressed, more choices had to be made: What will I wear? What will I do? Where will I go? Who will I speak to? What will I say? How will I say it? Choices, choices, choices.

It is very easy to take our power of choice for granted, because in the realm of human history it has not been very long since ordinary, common people had little choice. They got up when someone made them, they worked when someone made them, they ate when someone made them, and they slept when someone made them. The places they lived, the jobs they performed, when and where they worshiped, and even the number of children they had—these were all decided by someone else. Not so today—that's why I'm proud to be an American.

You and I have the power to choose. Choices are put before us every day and the greatest, toughest decision we will ever make is the decision to follow God. Being a God-follower is absolutely free, but it will cost you everything you have. In fact, when it comes to following God, the only choice we do not have is the choice not to make a choice. Refusing to make a decision about following Jesus is a decision in itself, because a choice is demanded. You and I are not the first to consider it.

## ANCIENT CHOICES

The Bible is a book of choices. It tells the stories of men and women placed in various circumstances in which they had to decide their path and, consequently, their destiny. Many men—Esau, Samson, Saul, and Jeroboam, for example—made very poor choices, while others made very good ones. Yet they all had the freedom to choose. The decision before them was simple: life or death? Blessings or curses? God called them to choose life. But what does it mean to choose life? Do I not choose life every day? I want to live. I like living. Living is certainly better than the alternative. So what was Moses really getting at when he challenged his followers to choose life rather than death?

Examine his words again:

I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him (Deuteronomy 30:19–20).

## CHOOSE LIFE

Moses gave a three-part explanation of what it really means to choose life.

✿ *Love the Lord your God:* When Jesus was asked which was the greatest commandment, He quoted Moses: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37; cf. Deuteronomy 6:5). The idea present in the word love represents a passion. Loving God means to be passionate about God. Loving God means having Him as the focus of my life. Loving God means pouring heart, soul, and mind into His will for my life.

But that kind of love is not always easy. There are times when I want to do what I want to do. Can we be honest? Michael is very important to Michael. God’s plan for me often evaporates under the blazing heat of Sinatra’s mantra and Bon Jovi’s rhapsody: I’ll do it my way because it’s my life. However, that mind-set does not please God.

Being passionate about God means I recognize that God is more important than all things. More important than sports. More important than music. More important than my grades. More important than my girl. More important than my job. Everything I do and everything I am is offered to God out of the love of my heart.

I long to reach a level of maturity where God is not just a part of my life, but where He is my life. But for now, I merely struggle from day to day, attempting to align my life’s passions with God’s priorities.

✿ *Obey His voice:* Like every other teenager, my parents and I didn’t always see things the same way when I was growing up. I usually saw no legitimate reasons for their all-too-frequent no’s.

My parents weren’t perfect and they would be the first to admit that. But neither were they always wrong. They gave me direction and guidance through my toughest years, and I am better for it. At an early age, I learned the importance of listening to their voice and following their direction.

Remember when you had to hold your Mom’s or Dad’s hand in large crowds? Whether walking through the mall or going to

Disney World, the instructions were clear: “Do not let go of my hand.” My parents went to great lengths to teach me the importance of staying close to them and obeying their voice.

God expects and desires no less. But we have other plans. Rugged. Independent. Innovative. That’s what it means to be a young man in America. We carve our own paths and blaze our own trails. We do things our way, and we certainly don’t need any help. It’s a natural part of our psyche. It’s the way we live. But it’s also the way we fail.

Jeremiah reminds us that it is impossible for us to direct our own steps (Jeremiah 10:23). It is impossible for us to know on our own how to live successfully. We don’t know what we’re doing. We need guidance, and that is what God provides to those He loves. We simply have to obey His voice.

- ✿ *Cling to Him:* You can always tell the things that a person values based on what he clings to. An athlete clings to his physical body and keeps it in peak physical condition. A scientist clings to his lab, his equipment, and his experiments.

A Christian? A Christian clings to God and never lets go. A Christian recognizes that nothing else in life approaches the importance that God should have in our hearts and minds. A Christian remembers that there is nothing more precious than the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

If anyone had a reason to brag about how well he had done all by himself, it was the apostle Paul. But even Paul recognized that he had failed on his own and needed something more precious and more powerful to cling to:

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ (Philippians 3:7–8 ESV).

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In Christ and in the cross, we have something infinitely greater than the world can ever offer us—greater than fame, riches, power, or pleasures. By comparison, those things should be thrown into the trash regardless of how attractive they appear. In Christ, we stand innocent (Romans 8:1) and pure (1 John 1:7). In Christ we stand reborn, restored, and renewed (John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17). If that does not make you want to cling to God, nothing will.

### **WARNING!**

You probably know the rest of Israel's story. For a time they chose life. Joshua led them across the Jordan and into Canaan. Jericho collapsed. Ai was ransacked and burned. Eventually all of Canaan fell under the mighty sword of the Lord and was conquered by Israel. But along the way, the men and women of Israel made some poor choices, and one by one they stopped loving God. They stopped obeying His voice. They forgot to cling to Him.

**IN REALITY YOU  
HAVE TWO OPTIONS.  
WILL YOU CHOOSE  
TO SERVE GOD, OR  
WILL YOU DABBLE  
IN ALL THAT THE  
WORLD OFFERS?**

Israel had many periods of revival, each followed a period of forgetting about God. Eventually God had enough and banished them to the other side of the great desert.

Even after they returned from exile in Babylon, things were never the same, all because of poor choices. The inspired record of their mistakes stands as a warning to all of us: make the right choice and trust God (1 Corinthians 10:6, 11).

### **ALONE AT DECISION TIME**

You are now at an important crossroads. You alone have the freedom to choose the direction of your life and how you will live it. Try as they might, your parents cannot make that decision for you. Neither can your grandparents, your teachers, your youth minister, or your friends. It is your decision for your life.

This book stakes out signs that point you to heaven. Each chapter is full of guidelines to help you survive as a Christian. In reality you have two options: the same options that Israel once pondered. Will it

be life or will it be death? Will you choose to serve a God who loves you and has great plans for you, or will you dabble in all the things that the world offers?

I pray that you will choose life. I pray that God will be your life's passion. I pray that His words will nurture your heart. I pray that you will cling to that old rugged cross. Cling to God. Cling to your faith.

And never let go.



I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE  
MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YOU PRESENT  
YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE  
TO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.  
AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD,  
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR  
MIND, THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD  
AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD  
**(ROMANS 12:1-2).**



### UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

1. List three choices in the opening story that were big mistakes.
2. Complete Moses' words: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore \_\_\_\_\_" (Deuteronomy 30:19–20).
3. What is a three-part explanation of what it really means to "choose life"?
4. Discuss the mistakes of Moses. Did he try to justify his mistakes? Why is it easier to blame others for our bad choices rather than accepting responsibility for them?

5. Go to the table of contents and review each chapter title. How are you making choices every day about the virtues to be examined in this study?

## 2 CHAPTER

# HONESTY

PHILIP JENKINS



LORD, WHO MAY ABIDE IN YOUR TABERNACLE?  
WHO MAY DWELL IN YOUR HOLY HILL?  
HE WHO WALKS UPRIGHTLY,  
AND WORKS RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
AND SPEAKS THE TRUTH IN HIS HEART  
**(PSALM 15:1-2).**



## DEFINITIONS

**LIE:** to make an untrue statement with intent to deceive; to create a false or misleading impression

**CHEAT:** to get something by dishonesty or deception

**ETERNAL:** having infinite duration; everlasting; continued without intermission; perpetual

**CONSEQUENCE:** something produced by a cause or necessarily following from a set of conditions