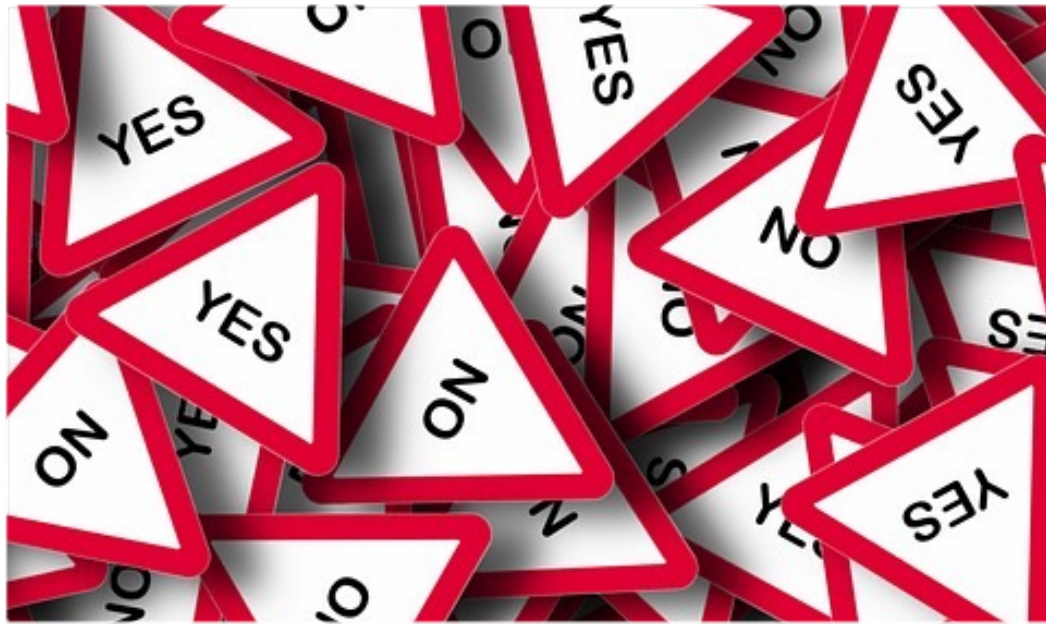


Wise Choices

Week 5



Big Choices: Yes or No

When you face temptation today, what will you do?

Temptations are going to come your way—Get ready. They'll come today... tomorrow...every day...What will you do? In today's Scripture reading (Matthew 4:1-11), take a look at what Jesus did when He was tempted. Jesus never sinned and His example shows us how to overcome temptation as well.

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SUBMIT

Are you submitted to God? Does your whole life belong to Him?

2

READY

Are you happy with the amount of Scripture you know? Are you ready to face temptations?

3

CALL

What do you think God might be calling you to do to know Him and follow Him?



Key Verse

This week's memory verse is:
Psalm 119:11.



Scripture Reading

Read and consider
Matthew 4:1-11 &
James 4:7.



Weekly Challenge

Begin reading the Gospel of John and get to know Jesus better...

A Line in the Sand

At a mission's conference I heard the story about a 13-year old who was listening to a missionary preach. The missionary explained the Gospel and then drew a line in the sand. He said, "If you want to give your life to Jesus Christ, step across the line."

At first the translator didn't say this. Instead, he asked the missionary if he really wanted to give them this opportunity. "If anyone steps across that line," he explained, "they can never go home again. They'll walk away with the shirt on their back because if they come to Christ, they'll be dead to their family."

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The missionary told him to translate it and he did. Nobody moved except for a 13-year old who stepped up to the line and stood in front of



it. He was looking down at the line. He knew what it would cost him. He knew what that line meant and as everyone watch, he stepped across.

Everyone was thinking about what he would lose. He was thinking about what he would gain. He chose Jesus.

Some of you are standing in front of a line too. A choice is in front of you. For some, that line represents the choice to accept Christ as your Lord and Savior. For others, it's a line of complete surrender, repenting of sin and returning to Christ. But God is calling you. And there's the line. What will you do?

TIME CHALLENGE

Take some time to just sit with God.

Ask Him your questions.

Ask Him to search through your life and to show you anything that He wants you to change.

Listen and see how God is calling you.

At the end, write down your thoughts and decisions.

