

Sunday – June 11, 2023



“The Easy Way Out”
Luke 5:17-26

Have you ever had to make a decision between something good and something that might be better? How hard was that decision?

Life forces us to make a lot of decisions. Some do not matter; some can be life changing. Sometimes the choice for us is to choose something good, but in doing so we may sacrifice the best we could have had.

Luke 5 is again one of those familiar passages. The healing of the man on the mat is always found in children and adult curriculum. The picture of Jesus teaching in a home, when suddenly a hole opens in the roof, a man is lowered, and all eyes are on Jesus with what will happen next. He stuns the by both what he does, but what he says. Forgiveness of sins, is something only God can do- and Jesus does

Read *Luke 4:44* as background. If Jesus were to come to his people today, what do you think he would be saying to us?

Read *Luke 5:17*.

God gives me the _____ to choose.

Read *1 Corinthians 3:16, Acts 2:4, Romans 8:11*.

Do I believe the power of God lives within me? _____

Do I live as if God’s power lives within me? _____

Why or why not do I live that way?

How can these verses encourage me to live by the power of God’s spirit in the choices I make each day?

Read *Luke 5:22*.

God already know my _____.

How do I try to manipulate God when I am making choices?

How do I try to manipulate others to get affirmation in the choice I want to make?

Read *Ephesians 4:20-24*. What confession can I make to God? To someone? About what is in my heart?

Read *Luke 5:20-26*.

God calls me to _____ choices

What “good” choice have I made that may have led to me missing God’s best choice for me?

What “good” choice do I make for my family that may be leading them to miss God’s best? _____

Have I sought God’s forgiveness for sin?

This week:

➤ What “Best” choice would God have me make for myself? For my family? Starting today?

➤ With whom can I share my answer?

Next Week: “Father’s Day – “The Power of Touch”