

Decision Time

3rd Step - Lesson 5

3rd Step: We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.

Joshua 24:14-14 – "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..."

The people of Israel, decades after leaving Egypt, still got stuck in a slave mentality. "I can't help it." "I guess that's just the way I am." **They weren't used to making decisions, and so they let decisions get made for them.**

Can you relate to the people of Israel? God has loved you, bought you with his own blood, and set you free to live the life you were meant to live, the life of a child of God. But do you still find yourself thinking like a slave, and letting your decision be made for you?

- "Dude offered me a rock, and bam! I was gone."
- "She just pushed me over the edge and I blew up. I can't help it."
- "Chick said she wanted to do the deed, so what was I supposed to do?"
- What else?

God is giving us the ability to make decisions! What happens when you start living like a free person and making your own choices?

Matthew 6:24 – "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

We fool ourselves into thinking we don't have to make choices. Lies. We must make choices. We're like people with a tiny plate in a serving line, trying to balance two items on a plate that can only hold one.

- "I love my family, so I'll just have to try hard to keep my using under control so it won't hurt them."
- "I love my wife, but this is one hot babe here; I'll just do it this once and let it go."
- "I know I'm on probation, but I can get high this once, it'll be all right."
- What else?

An addict who chooses to relapse might as well give his children a call first and say, "You know what? I don't want you in my life any more." OR you could say that to the dope instead. **DECISION TIME!**

- Where have you had to make hard decisions with God's help?
- Where is God calling on you to make a decision right now?