

## Life Week 2022 Devotion – Day 1

### God Chose You

Humankind is experiencing an outbreak of isolation. The human race is enduring an epidemic of loneliness. We've disconnected. We've become distant. Current culture has us taking up sides against each other. The way of this age makes us define our identity in opposition to one another.

Many suggest more autonomy to solve the problem. Some suspect multiplying alternatives will settle this predicament. We're trying to "choice" ourselves out of it. We're striving to "choice" our way into freedom. But our worship of choice inflicted the captivity upon us. Our pursuit of options imprisoned us under individuality.

We've equated license with control. We've reduced liberty to influence. Independence has turned into simply another addiction. Selfishness has grown into the next obsession. Appreciation for choices deteriorated into exaltation of choice. Appetite for preferences inflated into obedience of prerogative's impulse.

The lust after it has enslaved us to death. Our world believes it better to take life than to receive it. Abortions happen when people abandon each other. Assisted suicides result from people deserting one another. Inviting death into any human life impoverishes them all. Disposing of one of us diminishes the rest of us.

The choice you're looking for isn't freedom *of* choice at all but freedom *from* choice. The choice we want, the choice we deeply long for, is not to *do* choice but instead to *be* choice. The choice we desperately need is not choosing but rather being chosen. So, God chose you by making your body His. God chose you by taking a body for Himself. And God chose you by consecrating the human body, yours and your neighbor's, with His own.

God the Almighty Maker chose you into existence. His work of creating proclaims every human life special. God the Heavenly Father keeps choosing you with forgiveness. His labor of redeeming proves every human life precious. God the Holy Lord will continue to choose you for making a difference. His activity of calling pronounces every human life priceless.

Surprise pregnancy doesn't just happen. No life is accident or afterthought for Jesus. God chose you to embody His grace and favor in it. Terminal diagnosis doesn't merely occur. No human life is joke or mistake to Jesus. God chose you to reflect joy and hope in it.

Disability doesn't simply come about. Nobody's life is coincidence or side-effect with Jesus. God chose you to display purpose in it. Infertility doesn't randomly take place. No one's life is forsaken or forgotten. God chose you to demonstrate community in it.

No lives are hand-me-down or half-hearted. God chose you to share truth, set love in motion, and put life in action wherever neighbors need.