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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Rom. 6:16 *Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? (NIV)*

Choices. There seem to be way too many sometimes. A couple of weeks ago, I bought a box of chocolates for my valentine, my lovely and faithful wife, Ann. Every chocolate in the box was a different variety and so when she looks into the box, there are way too many decisions to make. Which one should I choose? We make choices every day. Am I going to get up out of the bed? Am I going to spend time in God's Word and prayer? Am I going to abide the presence of my LORD or am I going to be selfish with my desires? The bottom line is this: we will either choose to be obedient or disobedient. Now I know that sounds harsh, but it is the truth. Let me break it down today by simply saying what Jesus said to the crowd one day on the side of a mountain.

Mt. 6:24 *No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. (NIV)*

We all have choices to make today. Will they be selfish choices or will we submit our wills and our ways to the leadership of the LORD? We will have to choose. Now doing so brings into play what this verse in Romans states so clearly. We are all slaves to something because of our sin. We can remain a slave to sin which will lead to death and separation from the LORD, or we can be a slave to obedience which leads to His righteousness in us. Choose wisely who you will choose. Today is all about your choice. What will it be? **Josh. 24:15** *But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, I choose You today. I can't change yesterday nor do I know that I will have tomorrow; but I choose You today! I choose obedience over selfishness. I choose Your will and Your way for my life. I choose Jesus! In Jesus Name, Amen