***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

*“See I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil, in that I command you this day to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgements, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you this day that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. I call heaven and earth as witnesses this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.* Deuteronomy 30:15-19

Introduction: God’s truths are like a lighthouse, immovable and unchangeable, in the sea of society’s ever-changing standards. This is what God wanted the Israelites to know as they were about to enter the Promised Land, a pagan culture filled with shifting morals and lifestyles. Difficult choices were going to be put before them and they needed to realize the nature of these choices in their lives.

1. LIFE IS A SERIES OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 30:15-16):

a. Many people think that life is a series of unavoidable circumstances.

b. The Bible presents life as choices and consequences (Rom. 14:12).

c. The quality of your life is largely determined by choices you make.

2. LIFE IS A SERIES OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 30:17-18):

a. Many people think that life is a series of random events.

b. The Bible presents a less mysterious explanation (Deut. 30:11).

c. The path you take takes you where that path leads.

3. LIFE IS A SERIES OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 30:15-18):

a. Many people think that life is a series of future events.

b. The Bible puts more emphasis on “this day” (Matt. 6:34).

c. The journey involves proving yourself again day after day.

CONCLUSION: At any given moment, you can change the direction of your life.

Answers: 1. Decisions 2. Destinations 3. Days