

“Living a 100% Life”



***Ninety-Nine and a
Half Won't Do***

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Deuteronomy 30:15-20



2011...

- ***...was for many of us a very difficult year.***



Now that 2011...

- ***...in coming to a close, we really need to thank God for His grace and mercy...***

On the other...

- *...hand, we also need to draw a line in the sand and say “enough is enough!”*



Over the next three...

- *...weeks, beginning tonight, I want to challenge us to move beyond just getting by...*



God has set before...

- *...a choice. We can chose life and prosperity or death and adversity.*



In the book of...

- *...Deuteronomy, we have a whole new generation of Israelites.*



All except...

- *...Moses, Joshua and Caleb were dead.*

Moses wanted...

- *...this new generation to know that **partial obedience is disobedience.***



Tonight...

- *...I want us to agree that Ninety-nine and a half won't do.*



What is a 100% life...

...it is a choice to

totally surrender

your will and

progressively

surrender your life



From our text...

- ***...at least three truths emerge about the 100% life.***



Truth #1

- *...a 100% life demands that we make a **simple choice***



Deuteronomy 30:15

- **“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity;”**



God is calling...

- ...us to a new path...a narrow path. Scott Peck called it the *Road Less Travelled*. Robert Frost called the *Road Not Taken*.

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Choices

- ***Joshua 24:14-15***
- ***1 Kings 18:21***
- ***James 1:8***



Truth #2

- *...A 100% life demands that we make a **serious commitment***



Deuteronomy 30:15

- **“See, I have set before you today **life and prosperity....,****



Deuteronomy 30:16

- **“...in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.”**



Deuteronomy 30:19-20

- ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, ²⁰ by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”



The message...

- *...Loving God is an **all** or **nothing** proposition*



A 100% Proposition

- *You shall love the lord your God with **all** your heart and with **all** your soul and with **all** your might. (Deut. 6:5)*



Greatest Commandment

- *Matthew 22:36-40*
- *The test for whether we love God is **how we love others***
- ***Ninety-nine and a half won't do***



A “100%” Life...

- *...can have **severe consequences** if you make the wrong choice*



Deuteronomy 30:17-18

- But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong *your* days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it.

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Loving the...

- *...world is also an **all** or **nothing** proposition*