

THE CHOICE TO BELIEVE

CHOICES: WE MAKE THEM AND THEY MAKE US

- Life-changing choices
 1. Who or if to marry
 2. Career choices
 3. Family choices
- God gives choices **(Deuteronomy 30:19 ESV)**
 1. He gave the people of Israel choices
 2. He gives us choices - to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior
 3. We choose to believe or not - our choice

THE STORY OF CHOOSING THOMAS (John 20:24-29 NKJV)

- Thomas had reasons to believe that Jesus was alive
 1. There were scriptures - beyond all of them at that point
 2. Jesus had told them multiple times He would rise from the dead
 3. There were eyewitnesses
- Thomas made the choice not to believe
 1. He wanted to wait until he could see and feel personally
 2. I will not believe is different from I can not believe
- Jesus called him on his choice
 1. Addressed what Thomas had said
 2. Thomas adjusted - wise choice
 3. Jesus used Thomas as an object lesson

YOUR CHOICE TO BELIEVE

- You have reasons to believe
 1. Messengers - people God has equipped to proclaim His word
 2. Witnesses - people you know
 3. God's written word **(John 20:30-31 NKJV)**
- Making the choice to believe
 1. Don't wait
 2. Use your words to speak what you believe **(2 Corinthians 4:13 ESV)**
 3. Believing levels up your happiness **(1 Peter 1:8 NKJV)**