

Choose Hope | Week 2

October 11 & 12, 2025

Week #1: Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

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My Choice #1 (The Reality Choice):

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My Choice #2 (The Hope Choice):

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3 Simple Steps to Choosing Hope:

1	who God really is
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Romans 8:34 (LB)

Who then will condemn us? Will Christ? No! For he is the one who died for us and came back to life again for us and is sitting at the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us there in heaven.

Psalm 86:15 (NIV)

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Luke 12:2 (NASB)

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Jeremiah 31:3 (GW)

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Psalm 119:76 (GNT)

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Romans 3:24 (NLT)

Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

God can change me.

2 Negative Reactions:

- I'd like to change, but I just don't have the _____ or ____ right now.
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Isaiah 40:28-31 (NLT)

Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Philippians 2:13 (Philipps)

For it is God who is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve his purpose.

2 Corinthians 5:14, 17 (NLT)

Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. ... This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!



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