

Choices talk

A British Prime Minister spent a weekend at the estate, owned by the very, very wealthy Rothschild family.

This is a part of conversation between the butler of the house and the Prime Minister.

"Tea, or coffee, sir?"

"Tea, please,"

"China, India, or Ceylon, sir?"

"China, please."

"Lemon, milk, or cream, sir?"

"Milk, please,"

"Milk from a Jersey cow, from a Hereford cow, or milk from a Shorthorn cow, sir?"

And the conversation went on...

Aren't you glad that for most of us life is not that complicated!!

Yet we all have plenty of choices to make every day.

In our life time we will make lots of choices. We will choose, who we marry, how many children to have, where we live, what job we do, who are friends will be. And then there's the everyday choices of what we eat, and the clothes we wear...

We need to make wise choices...

And it is the same thing when we are dealing with God stuff - we need to choose wisely.

We need to remember that; "Faith is a choice. Compassion is a choice. Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Positive thinking is a choice. Kindness, giving, and respect is a choice."

We need to remember that whatever choice we make, makes us who we are, and who we will be.

(Dramatic voice) So choose wisely!

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(Pause)

God told Jonah to preach at Nineveh, but Jonah chose not to go. Instead, Jonah ran away from God. He caught a nice comfortable ship going the opposite way.

However, there was a terrible, violent storm, which threatened to sink the ship. Jonah's disobedience and his bad choices had put himself and the shipload of sailors at risk.

But this is where Jonah took responsibility for his actions and for the storm – he told the sailors to throw him overboard, so that the storm would stop.

God scooped up Jonah when he was thrown into the sea and delivered him – not first class or second class – but Whale class and vomited him up on the beach at Nineveh.

(Pause)

Every choice has consequences, just as Jonah found out. A good choice has good consequences, and a poor choice has poor consequences.

But thankfully, even when we mess up like Jonah God can turn things around and make something good when we choose to listen.

Whatever choice we make, makes us who we are, and who we will be.

But the biggest choice of all, happens when Jesus says, “Come and follow Me! Come and let me into your life, so that I can be your friend and your Saviour”

So, whatever you do, choose wisely!