

# Bible Way Church

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## "The Choice of Commitment"

Deuteronomy 30:15 - 19 (AMP)

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- Last week we talked about the challenge of commitment.
- We suggested that perhaps the greatest challenge we as believers will face this year is the challenge of commitment.
- Commitment is defined as the act of binding oneself to a course of action or to a particular cause.
- Commitment is the trait of sincere, steadfast fixity of purpose.
- Tonight, we will discuss commitment, not just as a personal challenge, but also as a personal choice.
- Choice is defined as *an act or instance of choosing*.
- Commitment is not something you hope to discover. It is something you must choose to do.
- I strongly believe that what we are committed to shapes our destiny as much as anything.
- Noted statesman, William Jennings Bryan, once said that destiny is a matter of **choice** not **chance**.
- Our scriptural text outlines what God says through His servant Moses concerning the choice of commitment.
- Moses speaks to a new generation of people who were born in and who grew up in the wilderness.
- They were preparing to transition from a wilderness experience to Canaan, a land of promise.

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- They were getting ready for **new beginnings**.
- At the end of Moses' life, he shares final instructions with those he had led for forty years.
- He tells them, as they go forward and possess the land which had been promised, that they would be faced with some important choices.
- Choices of life or destruction, blessings or curses.
- Moses tells them, when they choose life they are choosing to love the Lord, walk in His ways and keep His commandments.
- They were being asked to make a commitment to be faithful.
- If they were disobedient to God and His will for their lives, it was also a matter of choice.
- A choice of destruction.
- Finally, Moses tells this new generation to choose life; choose to be committed.
- Psalm 37:5 tells us to commit our ways to the Lord, and to trust also in Him
- He shall bring it to pass.
- The Choice of Commitment.
- **It's your choice.**