

**Father's Day 2020  
Choose This Day  
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**Opening**

-Every guy knows this saying...

My intent is this message is going to be that punch in the mouth for some of you...(warning to the ladies)

-Joshua 24:14-15 **(CHOOSE THIS DAY!)**

*These verses aren't just about religion, it's about everything our fathers and their fathers before them have passed down from generation to generation! Whose example will you follow? Because their example for fatherhood is too often a broken, fractured, cowardice idea of manhood. So I say to you this day, choose...choose this day.*

-Pray

**Introduction**

-Let me give you the three choices I'm challenging every man to make today...then let's work through them together...

- Choose the promises of God.
- Choose the men of God.
- Choose the house of God.

**Real Men Don't Hide**

-1 Samuel 10:1-9 (God was preparing Saul for the self doubt that was coming...and Saul was in the right place at the right time because he was serving his father!)

-1 Samuel 10:20-24 (all have baggage...stop hiding and start working...)

-When you find yourself hiding in the baggage of your past...

- Remember the road of serving The Father!
- Remember God has also given you a heart to thrive!
- Remember to choose this day **God's promises** spoken over you!

### **Real Men Don't Run**

-2 Samuel 23:8-12 (they were mighty because of the company they kept!)

-Did you know...

*There is little difference between the rate of divorce between Christians and non-religious people? This isn't about a crisis of faith, it's about a crisis of manhood.*

*I'm not condemning you for your past...I'm trying to protect you from repeating yesterday's mistakes again today and tomorrow.*

*Men aren't running from their marriages because they stopped believing in Jesus...it's because they have stopped believing in themselves!*

-2 Samuel 23:10 (don't be a plunderer...be a hero!...you plunder your children's future wellbeing...stop chasing happiness and search for meaning)

-When you find yourself contemplating running from your family...

- Remember there can be no victory if you are absent! (Jesus climbed that hill)
- Remember that staying gives God something to work with! (water to wine, few loaves and fish)
- Remember to choose this day **God's men** for your best friends!

### **Real Men Don't Quit**

-2 Samuel 11:1-4a

- The rooftop represents a state of mind...
- The house represents the fortress of God's morality...

-Isaiah 56:7

*-The idea of The House of God was always understood to be a way of life long before it was ever considered to be a place on a map.*

*-Quitting means giving up on God's morality because we feel entitled to more than what God allows.*

*-If you stand by the gate of God's morals boundaries long enough, you will pass through to the other side...you should never contemplate a choice you should never allow your will to make!*

-When you find yourself wrestling with quitting God's moral boundaries...

- Remember that part of loving God means fearing God!
- Remember that your appetite for pleasure is also a capacity for courage! (self-indulgence is taking up too much space)
- Remember to choose this day **God's house** for your house!

**Close**