

**SERVANTHOOD – 5**  
**MARCH 3, 2019**

**DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20 (NKJV)**

1. Everything has a purpose. A clock tells time, a furnace provides heat, a car transports...! If a thing can't fulfill its purpose, it needs fixed or replaced.
2. Every life has a purpose. Not knowing it can lead to living life apart from what that purpose is. People hold different views on what life's purpose is.
  - A. Life has no purpose. We live until we die, then we cease to exist. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:32**
  - B. Life's purpose is self. It's all about me, my desires, goals, aspirations, dreams and happiness. **MATTHEW 16:24-26 (AMPC)**
  - C. Life's purpose is found in our career. Adam got fired from his job because he failed the test on life's purpose.
  - D. Life's purpose is about family. **MATTHEW 10:37**
3. The biblical view on life's purpose. Our text says our main purpose is all about free moral agency. **DEUTERONOMY 30:19 (NKJV)**
  - A. Free moral agency is so powerful that God couldn't allow man to exist without proving what he would do with it. We can choose our own destination and destiny. Our destination is where we spend eternity, and our destiny is our trip along the way.
  - B. We're here to prove to God we choose to love and serve Him as an act of our will.
4. Our choices are threefold.
  - A. We can serve our own purpose, as Eve did.
  - B. We can serve the purpose of others, as Adam did.
  - C. We can serve the purpose of God, as Jesus and others did.
    - Our decision affects us, our children, and our life-span.

**DECISIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES**

1. To live for self and others. **DEUTERONOMY 30:17-18**
  - A. We can live under a curse. **GENESIS 3:15-19**
  - B. Our children can be affected. Cain and Abel.
  - C. Our life-span can be shortened. **GENESIS 6:3**
2. To live to love and serve God. **DEUTERONOMY 30:19-20**
  - A. We can live under a blessing that can affect our children and our life span. **PSALMS 91:14-16**

**THE CHALLENGE – ADAM AND EVE VS US**

1. Their environment was perfect. Ours is imperfect.
2. Adam's wife was formed. Ours must be found.
3. Their purpose was clear. Ours is clouded by youth and sin.
4. Their position was given. Ours must be earned.
5. They were rulers that were to serve. We must become servants in order to rule.

**CONCLUSION:**

Our life's purpose is found in God. We were created to know Him, to glorify Him, to worship Him, to serve Him, and to prove to Him what we choose to do with our free moral agency. In Adam, our life's purpose was broken. Jesus came to fix what was broken, so our lives can fulfill the purpose for which we were created. Adam's test involved a tree, and so does ours. It's our choice to take up our cross and serve our Lord or ourselves.