



## **August 3 – Choices** (using clips from Harry Potter Chamber of Secrets)

Do we make choices or do our choices make us? Or perhaps it's a little bit of both?! Join us this week as we let one of the most famous young wizards and his mentor teach us about choices!

### **Scripture:**

#### **Proverbs 2:1-11 NLT**

My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. <sup>2</sup>Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. <sup>3</sup>Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. <sup>4</sup>Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. <sup>5</sup>Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup>He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. <sup>8</sup>He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him. <sup>9</sup>Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go. <sup>10</sup>For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. <sup>11</sup>Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.

#### **Romans 6:15-16 NLT**

<sup>15</sup>Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! <sup>16</sup>Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

### **Questions:**

- What choices have you made lately that have brought joy into your life? What choices have you made that bring angst? How do you think your choices impact your daily life?
- Today, Pastor Jane used a clip from Harry Potter where there was this quote: "It is our choices, not our abilities, which decide who we are." Do you believe this? If so, what choices have you made that have decided who you are?
- Like it or not, our choices also lead us to Jesus or away from him. What choices have you made lately that have taken you away from your relationship with Jesus? What choices have brought you closer? What choices could you make that would draw you closer? What keeps you from making those choices?

### **Reading for the Week:**

- **Monday:** Proverbs 3:5-6
- **Tuesday:** James 1:5
- **Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 30:19
- **Thursday:** Psalm 119:105
- **Friday:** Proverbs 16:3