

**“Choose To Be Chosen”      Text: Genesis 25:19-34**

**Genesis begins, as you know, with a hymn of creation. This is followed by 10 generational histories. They include, among others, the history of creation, the history of Adam, the history of Noah, the history of Terah (father of Abraham), and, today’s message begins the account of Isaac, son of Abraham.**

**Esau became Isaac’s favorite, and Jacob became Rebekah’s favorite.**

**Three fundamental principles — that lead us away from making bad choices and move us in the direction of making better choices.**

**1. Choose like it really is your r\_\_\_\_\_ . Because it is.**

**God told Rebekah — long before Jacob made the stew — just how the events of their lives would play out: the older would serve the younger. Determinism verses Choice. Predestination verses Free Will?**

**There are times in Scripture when God foreknows that an individual will do the wrong thing. But there is never a time in Scripture when someone *wants* to do the right thing and God refuses to let them do it.**

**God will let you make the choices you want to make. He doesn’t interfere with your d\_\_\_\_\_. He works out his plan despite your decisions, but he doesn't force your choices on you. Ref: Deuteronomy 30:19 KJV**

**Your f\_\_\_\_\_ isn't as written as you might think it is. Your decisions matter. They play a major role in the outcome of your life.**

**2. Choose like the outcome is, as yet, u\_\_\_\_\_.**

**This means when you make any decision, you need to be mindful of the consequences.**

**Never weigh a choice lightly, never make a decision lightly. Each one sets you on a path to somewhere. Make sure the choices you make are taking you where you want to go.**

**3. Choose according to what matters m\_\_\_\_\_, not merely what matters this minute.**

**Parents who take the easy route often find themselves isolated later in life. Your c\_\_\_\_\_, not your hobbies, are your top priority.**

***Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (Colossians 3:2 ESV)* He's saying: Focus on that which matters for all eternity, not on that which matters only this afternoon**

**THREE DECISION MAKING 'NEVERS' TO FOLLOW.**

**Never make a decision when you're h\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Never make a decision when you're pressured to make a decision too s\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Never make a decision without getting o\_\_\_\_\_ input. Ref: Proverbs 15:22**

