



## SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

**Sermon Title:** Power of Choice –“Sovereignty of God VS Free Will of Man”

**Bible Reading:** Genesis 2 : 15-17 3:14-15

**Preacher:** Ps Paul Curtis

### Outline

- God alone has control over everything (v15a“The Lord God”)
- Yet He gave us the gift of choice, as a means of a true relationship (v16 “ You are free to eat”)
- This relationship works when we remember whose garden we live in (v15b “ Garden of Eden”)
- Otherwise things go badly, very quickly (Gen 3: 1-7 “ she took some and ate it)
- Thanks be to God, in His Sovereign power He chooses to rescue and restore ( Gen 3: 15 “ crush your head)

## Small Group Questions/Discussions

Take the time to read Job Ch 38. Why is this the starting point to making good decisions? In the garden God commanded them to worship and obey. Why is this such a good choice to make? What was God's motive in placing them in the Garden of Eden? We read in Gen 2:15a " The Lord God" – why is this the basis of understanding the balance of God's sovereignty and our free will? Read Isa 46:9-10

What would life be like if we were robots – we were simply programmed to worship and obey God ? In view of this, why did God give us the gift of choice? What was his personal reasoning – why doesn't God prove to everyone that He is real ? He could, but He chooses not to.

We live in " God's garden" why is it important to remember whose garden it is? Why is this humility fundamental to making good choices? What does human pride suggest when it comes to living in God's garden? Read Dan 4:28-33. What can we learn from this king?

Things will go badly, very quickly if we listen to the lies. Read Gen 3:1-7. What does the evil one want us to think? God is always enough, choosing to worship and obey Him is always the best choice. How does pride sometimes get in the way of your special relationship with God? What are you tempted "to eat of" Pride robs us of life.

Right at the very beginning, in Genesis 3 we see the rescuer and restorer. What does it mean in v15 that He will crush the head of the snake? Our failure to obey, our failure to make good choices and avoid bad consequences – is not final. Thanks be to God, as an act of love, He would send Jesus to set us free. Why do you think we still struggle to fully worship and obey in the garden? How do you balance the Sovereignty of God with the Free will of man?