Introduction

Life is made up of choices.

Albert Camus said, “Life is a sum of all your choices.”

David Brooks claims America is experiencing “a choice explosion”.

“It is becoming incredibly important to learn to decide well.”

In Luke 11:29-36, the problem wasn’t a lack of “signs” or information. The problem was their choice, their refusal to believe.

If we are going to grow in our relationship with Jesus, three things need to happen.

I. Choose to listen. Verses 29, 30 and 32

The Sign of Jonah

- His preaching.
- His “death, burial and resurrection”. Matthew 12:40

The story of Jonah emphasizes God’s love for all people.

Jonah’s ministry was much shorter than Jesus’ ministry (3 days vs. 3 years) yet Nineveh repented.

How much more should this generation listen to Jesus and repent!

Closing your eyes doesn’t hide the truth.

“You might as well answer the door, my child, the truth is furiously knocking.” Lucille Clifton

Will we listen?

II. Choose to learn. Verse 31

The Queen of Sheba

- Heard about Solomon’s wisdom and glory.
- Was not a believer, but wanted to see for herself.
- Came from the South – possibly Yemen.
• Spared no expense – time, money and distance.
• “One greater than Solomon is here.”

If she was in awe of Solomon’s wisdom and glory, how much more should we be in awe of Jesus?

Do you realize the incredible privilege and accountability we have as Christians in America?

“To whom much is given, much will be required.” Luke 12:48

What will you do with what you have been given?

III. Choose to believe. Verses 33-36

The Lamp of the Body

• The purpose of a lamp is to give light.
• Here, the lamp is the word of Christ, the Word of God.

Your Eye is the Lamp of the Body

• It doesn’t give off light, it receives it. It lets in light, like a doorkeeper.
• When your eyes are good, your whole body is full of light.

“See to it then, that the light within you is not darkness.”

We have a choice in the matter. We can choose to believe.

“I got the advice. I just didn’t take it.” Jeff Bridges

Conclusion

The choices we make have consequences, not just for us, but for generations to come.

What will we pass on to our children’s children?

• Choose to listen!
• Choose to learn!
• Choose to believe and obey!