



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND 2025 // YOU ARE THE DIFFERENCE

Big Idea: One of the most important principles we can all learn is that the quality of our life is determined by the quality of our choices. Life changes when we decide to change. And changed people become change agents who can make a difference in the lives of others.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Luke 15:17-20 (NIV) *When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, 'I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'" So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.*

Isaiah 57:15 (NLT) *The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts."*

Hebrews 11:32-34 (NLT) *How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets. By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.*

Start Talking:

What's been one of the most difficult decisions you have had to make? How did this impact your life?

Start Thinking:

Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Why is it so important to trust God and submit to Him when making decisions? What happens if you fail to do this?

Read Luke 15:17-20. How did the choice made by the "Prodigal Son" in this story affect the quality of his life? What are some of the ways the quality of your choices can impact the quality of your life?

Read Isaiah 57:15. What does it mean to have a "contrite and humble" spirit? How does God respond to us when we make the choice to live with this kind of heart attitude?

Read Hebrews 11:32-34. How can godly decisions to change put us in a position to impact others for God's kingdom?

Start Praying and Doing:

Pray that God will grant you the grace and strength to make godly decisions, especially in challenging situations. Look for opportunities this week to choose what is right and best in God's eyes in both the ordinary, everyday decisions and the hardest choices you face.