

FALL KICKOFF WEEKEND 2023

“The Choice Is Yours!”

**OUR CHOICES DETERMINE OUR DIRECTION,
AND OUR DIRECTION, (NOT OUR INTENTIONS),
DETERMINES OUR DESTINATION.**

*⁷ I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a **youth who had no sense**. ⁸ He was going down the street **near her corner**, walking along in the **direction of her house** ⁹ at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in. **Proverbs 7:7-9 (NIV)***

*¹⁰ Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent... ¹³ She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said: ¹⁴ “Today I fulfilled my vows, and I have food from my **fellowship offering at home**. **Proverbs 7:10, 13-14 (NIV)***

*¹⁵ So I came out to meet **you**; I looked for **you** and have found **you!** ¹⁶ I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt. ¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. ¹⁸ Come, let’s drink deeply of love till morning; let’s enjoy ourselves with love! ¹⁹ My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey. ²⁰ He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon.” ²¹ With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. ²² All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose ²³ till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life. **Proverbs 7:15-23 (NIV)***

We are focused on what we are DOING, God is focused on where we are HEADING!

We are focused on the IMMEDIATE, God is focused on the ULTIMATE!

We get focused on the HERE AND NOW, God is focused on TOMORROW MORNING!

We get focused on who we are IN THE MOMENT, God is focused on who we are BECOMING!

³⁵ **Direct me in the path** of your commands, for there I find delight. ³⁶ **Turn my heart toward** your statutes and **not toward** selfish gain. ³⁷ **Turn my eyes away** from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

Psalm 119:35-37 (NIV)