

**February 12th, Choose Your Tyranny**  
**Part 2 in the series 'You Turn'**

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

**Read Romans 12:2**

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

In what ways do we elevate our animal instincts higher than they ought to be?

Jim discussed the tension between the physical brain and the spiritual mind. What did you think of that?

What is meant by the phrase “choose your tyranny”?

In what ways is following Jesus like slavery, and in what ways is it different?

If we choose to serve the desires of our animal nature, what are the results of that choice?

If we choose to serve the desires of our spiritual nature, what are the results of that choice?

In what ways do we make this choice? Do we make this choice more than once? Can we change our minds?

Jim claimed that the physical part of us is actually good, a gift to us. Given the first part of the message, did that come as a surprise?

How can we tell when we are pursuing our desires within God's order and design?

**Read Colossians 3:5-11**

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.”

Why do the New Testament authors talk about “putting to death” the fleshly nature?

How does the idea of “putting to death” our natural instincts compare with the message of today’s culture?

Is it hypocritical for Christians to have bitterness, envy, and evil our hearts, but act kind on the outside?