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# Foreword

*Marriage is not merely a social arrangement; it is a spiritual alignment that often determines the direction of a person's destiny.*

*In this timely message, *Your Marital Choice Defines Your Destiny*, Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo brings a sober and instructive reminder that the decisions made in courtship and marriage are not light matters—they are life-shaping decisions with generational impact.*

*Through clear biblical illustrations and practical wisdom, this sermon draws attention to the undeniable truth that choices are the hinges upon which destiny turns. From Scripture, we see both the triumphs of those who chose rightly and the painful consequences of those who did not. These accounts are not written for information alone, but for transformation.*

*In a generation where emotional pressure, appearance, and external influence often overshadow spiritual discernment, this message calls the believer back to intentionality, prayerfulness, and obedience to God's Word in marital decisions.*

*It is our prayer that as you engage with this ebook, your heart will be guided into clarity, your discernment sharpened, and your steps ordered by the Holy Spirit. May every reader—whether single, in a relationship, or already married—receive wisdom to make choices that align with God's purpose and produce lasting peace and fulfilment.*

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# ***Main Message***

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## INTRODUCTION

“Your marital choice defines your destiny.”

That is our focus today.

From Deuteronomy 30:19, the Scripture says: “*Choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.*”

Daily, we are confronted with decision-making—what to eat, where to go, what to wear, friends to make, what to say, what to spend on, and the list goes on. Making choices is a natural part of life.

At every intersection on the road of life, there is an opportunity to make a decision. Who you are today, beloved, is a result of all the decisions you have taken—including everything you have done, thought, and said.

Clearly, the quality of the choices you make today will determine the quality of your future. And I want you to think deeply about that.

Deciding who to get married to is one of the most important decisions you will ever make, next to salvation.

Hear me, and hear me very well, dear listener: every choice you make either makes or breaks your destiny.

Your marital choice affects every aspect of your life—physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological, and sometimes even material—and your children.

Marriage is ordained for a lifetime. It is a lifelong journey. This is why, as a Christian, you must not treat it casually. Rather, you should approach it with every sense of spirituality and responsibility.

A “choice” simply means a decision or selection. It is important that you make the right choice before venturing into this lifelong journey of marriage.

Every choice has consequences—some good and some bad. You are free to choose your actions, but you are not free from the consequences of your decisions.

Someone has rightly said, “*Choices are the hinges of destiny.*” And this is very true.

# **CHOICES ARE THE HINGES OF DESTINY**

Let us do a little Bible study here.

In the Bible, there are people who made positive choices. Let us look at some of them.

## **Positive Examples of Right Choices**

In Ruth 1:16–17, Ruth made a decision to follow Naomi and serve her God, despite the death of her husband. Her right choice led her forward, and she became one of the five women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus.

Timothy, a young unmarried man, chose to follow the counsel and training of his grandmother and mother. This resulted in devotion to God that gave him a place among New Testament saints (2 Timothy 1:5).

Daniel, a young man, purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat or wine (Daniel 1:8). His choice made him relevant in a foreign land where he was a slave.

Peter, in the Scriptures, made decisions that positioned him greatly in ministry. He excelled as an apostle of Jesus Christ, and his house became a place where Jesus often resorted (Luke 4).

Priscilla and Aquila also made right choices in marriage. They were a great pair in ministry and exemplary Christians in their generation (Acts 18).

My prayer for you today, whether you are single or married, is that you will make right choices in marriage—and your testimony shall be greater, in Jesus' name.

## NEGATIVE EXAMPLES OF WRONG CHOICES

There are also people in Scripture who made wrong choices.

At the beginning, Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden filled with splendour. They had access to everything except the tree of life. However, they allowed the devil to deceive them, and they disobeyed God (Genesis 3). That choice did not affect them alone—it affected all of humanity until Jesus came.

Solomon is another example. At the beginning of his reign, he chose to seek God for wisdom and was blessed greatly (1 Kings 3). But later, he turned to strange women and their gods. In the end, everything became vanity (Ecclesiastes 12).

David chose to remain at home when he should have been at war. That led him into lust and sexual sin (2 Samuel 11–12). The consequences brought unrest, and the sword never departed from his house.

Samson, a man of strength, chose Delilah despite warnings. In the end, he was disgraced, blinded, and died shamefully (Judges 13–14).

Dinah, the daughter of Jacob (Genesis 34), chose to mingle with the women of the land against God's instruction. The result was rape and widespread violence in the community.

Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1–6) chose to lie to the Holy Ghost and both died as a consequence.

Haman, driven by bitterness, chose revenge against the Jews. In the end, he and his family suffered destruction (Esther 5:14).

My prayer for you is that you will not make wrong choices in marriage, in Jesus' name.

There is a saying: *If you close your eyes to facts, you will learn through accidents.*

# **COUNT THE COST BEFORE YOU CHOOSE**

To make quality choices, my counsel is simple: count the cost (Luke 14:28).

Think deeply before you choose:

- Spirituality
- Personality
- Character traits
- Common interests
- Compatibility

Marriage is a lifelong journey. Do not enter it casually.

Do not be carnally minded about your choice of marriage. Ask questions:

- Is this person born again?
- What is their spiritual life like?
- Are they sensitive to the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit must be your principal guide.

I pray for you today that your testimony shall be stronger.

Look at character. If a man's character is not clear, observe his friends. Character is revealed in behaviour.

A pretty face, fine clothes, wealth, and fame do not equal good character.

Before marriage, seek clarity. Do not be deceived by outward appearance. You are going to live with reality, not image.

## **COMPATIBILITY AND CHARACTER**

Some ladies have married wealthy men who turned out to be violent. Some men have married beautiful women who turned out to be lazy and careless.

Do not look at appearance alone. Look at character.

If there is beauty in character, there will be harmony in marriage.

Ask questions:

- Is he or she humble?
- Is he or she honest?
- What is the relationship with parents and siblings?
- What is the personality pattern?
- Are you compatible?

Marriage is teamwork. A team works best when there is agreement.

The ball is in your court. When you make right choices, you become the primary beneficiary.

## **BENEFITS OF RIGHT CHOICES**

Right choices bring:

- Peace
- Longevity
- Generational blessings
- Divine backing

Wrong choices bring:

- Destruction
- Frustration

- Lack of peace
- Disconnection from God
- Even death in some cases

## **CONCLUSION**

A wrong choice can destroy destiny, while a right choice enhances it.

Many people have made shipwreck of their lives due to wrong marital decisions. That shall not be your portion, in Jesus' name.

Do not choose out of desperation, pressure, or rush. Do not say, "I am getting old."

I pray for you: God will grant you supernatural speed in making the right decisions.

Your tomorrow shall be great.

For those already married, the blessings of God will rest upon your home.

For those not yet married, God will guide your steps.

For those in relationships and needing correction, receive grace to take the right steps, in Jesus' name.

## **SALVATION CALL**

*If you are not born again, these blessings may not fully manifest in your life.*

*Say this prayer sincerely:*

*“O God, I am a sinner. Today I repent of my sins. I accept Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. Thank You for receiving me. In Jesus’ mighty name. Amen.”*

*Congratulations. If you prayed that prayer, you are now born again.*

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***God is too faithful to fail.***



## About the Speaker

**Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo** is a Nigerian Christian author, teacher, and preacher widely known for her consistent ministry alongside her husband, David Oyedepo, the founder of Living Faith Church Worldwide (Winners' Chapel).

She has served for decades in the Christian ministry, with a strong emphasis on marriage, family life, womanhood, and godly character. Her teachings are marked by simplicity, practical wisdom, and a focus on building stable Christian homes rooted in scriptural principles.

Beyond her public teaching role, she is also recognized for her consistent support in church leadership development and humanitarian efforts connected to the ministry she co-labors in. Over the years, her voice has remained steady in reinforcing values of faith, order, and responsibility in Christian family structures.

Her contribution to contemporary Nigerian Christianity is largely seen through the lens of discipleship in the home, where she continues to influence both younger and older generations of believers through teaching, example, and structured mentorship within the church community.



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