

Hello, My Name Is Part 1:: A Child Adopted:: Jarrett Stevens

INTRODUCTION

Choices. We make a multitude of choices every day of our lives – from the coffee we order at Starbucks to the choices we make about how to raise our children. One way to realize the type of person we've become is to look at the choices we've made. When it comes to our relationship with God, what choices have we made in following Christ? What choices have been made for us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What big choices have you made recently that reflect your worldview?
- 2. There are a few areas where you don't have a choice (i.e. your name, your family). What current areas in your life do you feel as if you don't have any choices?
- 3. Read Romans 8:14-16. Do you believe that we chose God or that God has chosen us?
- 4. As Jarrett mentioned, we cannot choose to be chosen. However, we can often put forth our best efforts to be "choosable". What do you do to favorably present yourself?
- 5. Why does God "choose" us as His children? Is it because of our skills and traits? Or are there other reasons why God adopts us as His own?
- 6. Are you living life as an orphan or are you living life in the reality as a child of God?

THINK ABOUT IT

What makes the orphan lifestyle so appealing that despite the fact that we have a Heavenly Father, we choose to live like orphans?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What can you do to remind yourself that you are a beloved child of God and not an abandoned orphan?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

1 John 3:1