



Making Decisions

Hunting both large and small game involves planning and preparation with decisions needing to be made prior to going into the field. Decisions are made based on what seasons are open along with the weather to determine which spot is best, which style of hunting will be most successful, what gear is needed and which firearm best suits the hunt. Some decisions are trivial while others are crucial to the enjoyment and success of the hunt.

In the spring, you wake up to rain on the tin roof of the cabin. Do you head into the woods in the direction of the gobble you heard the evening before when locating birds? Or, do you setup along the edge of the field in anticipation the rain will continue? You will need to decide if your setup includes decoys and which calls will be most effective in persuading that longbeard into shotgun range.

In early fall, you must decide if you are going to take a shotgun afield or maybe you will test your marksmanship with your .22 rifle while squirrel hunting. Will you sneak around or find a comfortable spot against the trunk of a tree? Since seasons coincide, another decision might

be to hunt whitetail deer with a bow and arrow in order to save some squirrels for a hunt later in the season with your children.

Now, it's the first day of buck season with a rifle. Will you hunt that big scrape in the oaks or watch the meadows hoping for a buck chasing a doe? You will need to decide if you are going to sit in your stand and let the deer come to you or still hunt in hopes of sneaking up on that trophy whitetail. Will you take afield your scoped rifle with the bipods to up your odds or will you decide to take your old muzzleloader because hunting has become more fun than the actual harvest?

As in hunting, our entire lives are filled with decisions - some trivial and some crucial. There is no decision more crucial than to accept the free gift of salvation and inherit eternal life in Heaven. God leaves that decision solely up to you. God gives everyone freewill to choose Jesus as their Lord and Savior or to reject Him. God is not a dictator, but a loving, caring God who has prepared us a place in Heaven for those who choose to accept Jesus Christ. It is God's desire that all come to repentance and that no one perish (II Peter 3: 9).

So, the biggest decision of your life, your eternal life, is now. Make today the day you decide you want a relationship with Jesus Christ. You never know whether the decisions you made on your last hunting trip were the last hunting trip decisions you will ever make. God has not promised us we would be here tomorrow to go hunting again. He also has not promised us tomorrow to make the most important decision you will ever make – the decision to live for Jesus Christ (*Matthew 24: 36-44*).

If you want to make this decision today, please pray the following prayer with a sincere and accepting heart.

“Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and cannot save myself. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins. I repent of my sins and accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for saving me. In Jesus’ Holy and Precious name I pray, Amen.”



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