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# RE- FLECTING GOD

**06/26/18 - Wrong Choices? Not God? Bring Difficulty**

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Jeremiah 15:1-12

One of the objectives in counseling family members of persons dealing with addictions or who have suffered the consequences of an overdose is addressing the issue of responsibility and not accepting unwarranted blame or shame. No one is responsible for how another person thinks, feels, or acts. Therefore, acting out behaviors, using drugs, or working towards recovery is the responsibility of the individual with the addiction.

Remember Joshua's challenge: "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15). When one chooses wrong, the problems that follow are the result of those choices, not someone else or even God. There are countless real-life stories of people who believe a better life is possible and discover how to live differently than the negative conditions around them. Regardless of the choices that others make, the LORD reminded Jeremiah of his purpose; it is our responsibility to model positive, healthy thinking, attitudes, and activities.

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