

# Study #2

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# THE POWER TO CHOOSE

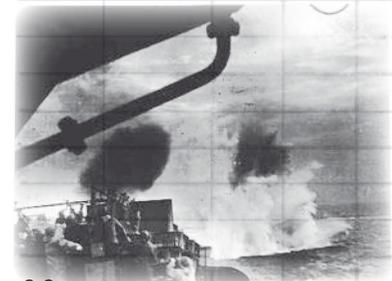
### WARM UP

Matt Talbot, born in Ireland in 1856, was an alcoholic at the age of 12. One day in 1884 everything suddenly changed. He came home early from work and was not drunk. After his dinner he turned and said to his mother, "I'm going to take the pledge". His mother smiled at him and said, "Go in God's name, but don't take it unless you are going to keep it". Matt said, "I'll go, in God's name". Matt never drank again and spent the rest of his life praying and helping others to give up the addiction to drink.



### BACKGROUND

At the centre of Paul's teaching is the recognition of two important principles. One is that we have to make the choice to live out the Christian character, and secondly, God gives us the grace to carry out these choices. To help us on the journey we should give thanks by singing psalms and hymns and inspired songs.



### READ Colossians 3:12-17

#### QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. The epidemic drug today is known as P. How is this destroying our community?
2. When you meet people with a problem of drugs or alcohol how do you support and help them?

3. What are the addictions in your own life and how do you keep them under control?
4. Share with the other men about a victory that you have experienced when you have made a right choice.

### CONSIDER THIS

Matt Talbot wrote, "Three things I cannot escape: the eye of God, the voice of conscience, the stroke of death. In company guard your tongue. In your family guard your temper. When alone guard your thoughts".



### IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

#### MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

As I go about my daily tasks I will stop and ask the Lord to help me make the right choices.  
I will pray for other men that the Lord may help them in the choices that they make.

Pray for each other that God may give you courage.

### WRAP UP

Share with one another the importance of others in making the right choices in life.