

A close-up, low-angle shot of a red running track. The track has white lane markings and a yellow 'START' sign. The text 'Choosing Our Life's Goal' is overlaid in white, centered on the track.

Choosing Our Life's Goal

Everyone Chooses Their Life's Goal

- This is true whether I do so with purpose or not
 - I may live without thought of a goal, but God still holds me accountable – Eph. 4:17-18; Rom. 1:18-20
 - I choose my goal. But what that goal is matters – Gal. 6:7
- I cannot put this on others or blame others for what my life achieves
 - Though things can affect my physical achievements, they cannot force me to choose a particular goal.
 - My life's goal, the end which I seek, a choice God has given me – Gen. 4:6-7; Deut. 30:19-20; Rom. 6:15-16

Jesus' Life's Goal

- **Jesus' example is special because:**
 - He is the only one who lived before His conception and birth – Jn. 1:1-3
 - He is the only one who chose His life's goal before being born – 1 Pet. 1:18-20; 1:10-11
- **Jesus' foreknowledge of His birth and life's goal meant He *chose*:**
 - To become flesh and blood – Jn. 1:14
 - To live an earthly life despite being God and knowing the wonders of heaven itself – Phil. 2:5-8
- **Why did Jesus choose this goal?**
 - God's love for sinners – John 3:16-17
 - To do God's will – Jn. 6:38; Mt. 20:27-28; 1 Thess. 5:9-10; Lk. 19:10

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- Like Jesus, I must accept that I was born with the goal of living for God – Acts 17:24-31; Col. 1:15-16
- Like Jesus, I must choose this goal for my life
 - Solomon realized this – Eccl. 12:13-14
 - Salvation depends on it – Heb. 5:8-9; 2 Thess. 1:7-10
- Like Jesus, my life's goal must be to offer myself as a sacrifice to God
 - It must be holy and acceptable – Rom. 12:1-2
 - It must be offered on a cross – Mt. 16:24-27