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It's that simple; it's not easy, yet it is possible as each choice is the best we can make in that moment, all factors taken into account.

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With living as choosing, each outcome sets up the next choice. Undesired outcomes are opportunities to make better choices. Consider a life hero – mine is Abraham Lincoln – to learn how persistent choosing, no matter what, is essential in authentic living.

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Each of us is born with endowments, potentialities and limitations into a family, within a culture, in which we grow through experience which forms core perceptions: What life is about. Who we are. Where we are going. Who will go with us. How we will live. It is in the tension of who we are versus who others want us to be, that we can become our[true]self.

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How, then, to find and live an authentic life as our[true]self, the who we really-really-really are? It's simple, but not easy, yet possible, when we listen to that inner voice, revealing our truth, freeing us from "ought-to." Pay attention, assess the situation, consider options, choose... keep paying attention.

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