Life's Greatest Decision

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk to you a minute this morning about the supreme choice.
- If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve.
- Can we rise above our disappointing past and render unto God the kind of wholehearted devotion that he both deserves and requires.

1 Acknowledge Complete Indebtedness and God Dependency

Joshua 24:3–13; Genesis 12; Psalm 103

- Number one is to acknowledge complete indebtedness and God dependency.
- At the foundation of everything that we are spiritually is an understanding that I could not be here without God.
- Without the blood of Christ, I am nothing. Without his atonement, I am nothing. Without his ongoing mercy, I am hopeless.
- Seventeen times or thereabouts, God says, I did it. I did it. I did it.
- He has not dealt with you according to your sins.

2 Rehearse Constantly What God Has Done

- We need to rehearse constantly what God has done.
- It is our tendency to simply start taking all of that for granted.
- That's why we need to constantly be about examining the biblical record to remember all the things that God has done.
- We need to talk to our kids about how the gospel has changed our lives. How it changes us still.

3 The Recipe: Fear, Serve, and Put Away

Joshua 24:14; James 1:21

- Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and truth. And put away the gods which your father served beyond the river and in Egypt and serve the Lord.
- It is the recipe for coming to God. Period. It is the recipe for serving God once we have come to him.
- Three elements. Fear, serve, and put away.
- To remove all that remains of wickedness, James says in chapter 1 and verse 21, and receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.
- Now is always the right time to choose, to rededicate, to recommit, to be revived.

4 It’s Always Time for Revival: Choose Today

- I do think gospel meetings can revive people’s spirits.
- It’s always time for revival. I see every assembly as a time for revival.
- The urgency of today should always be felt and appreciated.
- Today, among his people. Choose today.

5 Follow Your Spiritual Leaders

Matthew 15:13–14; Joshua 24:31

- Follow your spiritual leaders. I’m not saying follow them blindly.
- Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua. And all the days of the elders who survived Joshua and had known all the deeds of the Lord.
- Have you thought about the fact that other younger people are watching you?
- They need to see that your spirituality is genuine. And they need to see it not just on Sunday, they need to see it in your home.
- Are you one of those people that someone is looking up to saying, I want to be like them?

THE CHALLENGE

Will you incline your heart as you sit at the crossroads? Will you choose the path of growth and new resolves and cultivate faith? Will you choose supremely?

MY NOTES