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GOD'S DIRECTION IN LIFE'S DECISIONS

LIFE-SHAPING CHOICES

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3. CHOOSE WHAT GOD VALUES NOT WHAT CULTURE VALUES

Hebrews 11:26

He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward.

1 John 2:17

And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever

4. CHOOSE TO LIVE BY FAITH, NOT BY FEAR

Hebrews 11:27

It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.

Galatians 2:16

...And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law.

Deuteronomy 30:15-16

"Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster. For I command you this day to love the Lord your God and to keep his commands, decrees, and regulations by walking in his ways. If you do this, you will live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy." But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and if you are drawn away to serve and worship other gods, then I warn you now that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live a long, good life in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy. "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

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Hebrews 11:23-27

It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command. It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.

REFUSE TO BE DEFINED BY OTHERS

Hebrews 11:24

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Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Exodus 23:2

"You must not follow the crowd in doing wrong....

1 Thessalonians 2:4

.... Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.

2. CHOOSE SHORT-TERM PAIN FOR LONG-TERM GAIN

Hebrews 11:25

"He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God instead of enjoying sin's pleasures for a short time."

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our eyes on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.