

MSG:THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:11-20 NLT

SZN 3: SOAR WITH JESUS

Deuteronomy 30:11-20 NLT

“This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not beyond your reach. It is not kept in heaven, so distant that you must ask, ‘Who will go up to heaven and bring it down so we can hear it and obey?’ It is not kept beyond the sea, so far away that you must ask, ‘Who will cross the sea to bring it to us so we can hear it and obey?’ No, the message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart so that you can obey it. “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! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

INTRO: NETFLIX....tense question...“What do you wanna watch?”

In living in love with Jesus, we have discover that learning how to walk with him, learning how to give with, him learning how to run with him, we learn how to rest with him also that we now can soar with Him!

Soar with Him into the purpose for which I God has created us. Soar with Him into the destiny that He fashioned Soar. Soar above hopelessness, soar above That purpose is to glorify him, to make big and large and magnify Him. To put weight on the fame in the renown of Jesus Christ through our lives!

We should be a conduit of His personhood and a conduit of his perspective to every single person that comes in contact with us!

This responsibility to give God glory in everything that we do, and all that we are comes with the radical opportunity to be assigned to greatness in God!

To be assigned to serve, to be assigned to lead, to be assigned to lead your family, to be assigned to be a blessing to your community, to be assigned to break the stronghold of poverty, to be assigned to break the back of oppression, to be assigned to bring in provision for those that do not have.

But as easy as I would like to say that this may be, it is incredibly difficult if you have not made the right choices!

And you see tension that we often live in is that It's not that we don't know what to do. It's that we don't know how to do it! Or it's not that we don't know what we should do...it's whether we decide to do it or not!

And see this tension is nothing new. In fact our forefathers and ancestors dealt with this same tension!

This same tension when we watch the people of Israel who are about to have their succession service, their installation after their leader of 40 years, Moses is giving his final messages, his final sermons, final direction and last instruction as it is his last will and testament.

CONTEXT:

Longman and Dillard describe Deuteronomy,

-The book of Deuteronomy is a collection of the speeches of Moses delivered shortly before his death east of the Jordan.

-the record of a covenant renewal ceremony on the plains of Moab, where Israel once again affirmed its allegiance to God and its national commitment to keep his law

-Deuteronomy is the "the last will and testament of Moses." In addition to reiterating the covenant made earlier at Sinai

- prepared Israel for two major issues that the nation would soon face: (1) life without Moses, and (2) the wars for the conquest of the land.

-Deuteronomy prepares the nation for the wars of conquest by stipulating laws governing holy war

The people of Israel are reminded of this tension that has existed in mankind since the very beginning and through all the people of God and Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and Moses and soon to be this current people they have to know what is the most important choice and that choice is yours so I'm gonna give you three choices today and on the heels of us coming into this historic moment as the choice is yours!

1. YOUR CHOICE IS BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

Deuteronomy 30:15 NLT

"Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster."

YOU ARE CAPABLE OF CHOOSING LIFE.

YOU HAVE THE CAPACITY TO CHOOSE LIFE.

DO YOU HAVE THE AUDACITY TO CHOOSE LIFE?

-Do you have the audacity to choose what is more difficult but more prosperous

-Do you have the gull, the

Life is Loving God

Life is Obeying God
Life is Loving His Law
Life is Keeping his Commandments
Life is living in Grace
Life is pursuing Jesus

Death is confusion
Death is wandering around.
Death is wasting time
Death is chaos
Death is exhausting
Death is destruction

Jesus said...

Matthew 6:24 NIV

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

The Winans echoed Jesus' statement when they said "choose ye this day who you will serve, will it be God or man? Now the choice is yours"

Say....The Choice is Yours!!!

2. YOUR CHOICE WILL BRING BLESSINGS OR CURSES

Deuteronomy 30:16 NLT

“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.”

OBEDIENCE OBLIGATES THE BLESSING OF THE LORD

DISOBEDIENCE DEFLECTS THE BLESSING OF THE LORD.

Philippians 2:6-8 NIV

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!”

Dres from Black Sheep said THE CHOICE IS YOURS “you can get with this or you can get with that, You can get with this or you can get with that...”

3. YOUR CHOICE WILL INFLUENCE YOUR DESCENDANTS DESTINY

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NLT

“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! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

Your choice have weight

MAKE YOUR ANCESTORS PROUD AND YOUR DESCENDANTS PROSPEROUS!

Like Project Pat said, “I CHOOSE YOU!”

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