

Jeremiah 6:16

Hope In Crisis: God's Direction at the Crossroads of Life

Introduction: We all have decisions we make each day yet not all the decisions are the same. In crisis we need support, encouragement and direction in the process of healing and recovery.

Historical context: The Northern kingdom has falls to the Assyrian empire in 722 and the judgement of God is soon to fall on the southern kingdom. Yet Jeremiah along with his contemporaries gives warning and prays for deliverance. 586/7 Judah falls and the Temple is destroyed. A crisis for a generation has developed, loss of purpose and direction reflected in the word scribed by Jeremiah.

I want to encourage you today that whatever decisions you need to make or crisis you face God is faithful to provide you with grace to move forward and glorify our God.

- “Stand” to observe; to ready one to take action; to position you.

There is a Process in Preparing for making your stand in a decision.

1. Mental Preparation- uncomfortable element in decision making.
2. Physical Demands- duration of time.
3. Spiritual Dynamic-seeking God.

- “Crossroads” denoted a choice one is to consider. Good, bad, better choices, God’s choice in your lives. Judah has found them at the crossroad.
- “Look” careful observation before a decision is made, details to consider, pondering over what you see. “What do you see?” binoculars
- “Ask” to seek counsel, acknowledge you don’t have to have all the answers, don’t have to travel alone.
- “ancient paths”; “the good way”

-Ancient path mirrors the will of the Ancient of Days. Daniel 7

-It’s about God’s will.

Jesus identifies family to those who obey. Mat. 12:50

Jesus prayed for God’s will in the garden. Mat. 26:39

Jesus taught in the model prayer to seek God’s will.

Paul in Acts was mindful of God’s will in his mission endeavors.

Paul reminds the Roman Christians in Rom.12:2 “good, acceptable, and perfect.

-It’s about giving glory to God.

- “Walk” To action and continue forward as the roll call of the faithful in Heb.11.

-Reference to your relation with God.

-Newness of life as found in Ezekiel.

-Rom1:8 walk not in the flesh but by the spirit.

-Rom.13:13 walk not by sight but by faith.

1 Cor.5:17 walk in love.

Eph.5:2 walk as following Christ.

Phil.3:16 as walking in the light.

- “rest for your souls”

- Ordained by God to rest. Physical, Spiritual , Mental

- Days of rest. Ex.23:12

- Recommended by Jesus. Mark 6:31-32

- Rest regarding Salvation in Christ. Matt.11:28

- Rest in service. Matt. 11:28 PURPOSE

- Eternal Rest. Rev.14:13

- Heavenly Rest. 2Thess.17