Good or GOD?

WHY GOOD WITHOUT GOD ISN'T ENOUGH

WE CANNOT DISCERN WHAT IS TRULY GOOD FOR OUR LIVES WITHOUT FIRST HAVING OUR MINDS RENEWED

SPIRITUAL DECEPTION:

believing we are aligned with the truth, when in actuality we're not

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone."

— Mark 10:18

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT MAN'S STANDARD OF GOOD IS DIFFERENT FROM GOD'S STANDARD?

Is the GOOD you see from GOD?

"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."

— Genesis 3:6

— *Genesis 2:17*

"but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

What do you do when worldly GOOD leads to <u>DEATH?</u>

Let's look at Proverbs 14:12:

"There is a way that <u>appears</u> to be right, but in the end it leads to death."

Jeremiah 21:8:

"Furthermore, tell the people, 'This is what the LORD says: See, I am setting before you the way of life and the way of death."

Matthew 7:13-14

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Adam and Eve <u>choice</u> didn't just affect them in the afterlife, it affected them **IMMEDIATELY!**

- Proverbs 3:13-18

"13 Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, 14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. 16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. 17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed."

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Even when you feel overwhelmed, God is not.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

— Psalm 46:10

You may not understand the storm—but you can trust the One who commands it.

Faith comes by hearing the Word.

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

— Romans 10:17

When the storm hits:

- Declare His promises
- Read His Word daily
- Hold on to His truth

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

— Philippians 4:13

Pray constantly

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Worship through the storm

Like Paul and Silas in prison (Acts 16:25)

Stay connected to the body of Christ

"Carry each other's burdens..." — Galatians 6:2

"The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

— Job 1:21

Jesus wasn't anxious. He was at peace.

Encouragement: Your storm is not the end. Your restoration is coming.

Thank you for joining us today.

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles..."

— Isaiah 40:31