

## Decisions, Decisions!!!!

(Destiny is determined by a decision)

II Samuel 11: **In the spring of the year,<sup>[a]</sup> when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem.**

*Media team.....I will just paraphrase these so no reference is needed*

**As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath.**

**He sent someone to find out who she was,**

**Then David sent messengers to get her;**

**and when she came to the palace, he slept with her.**

**“Send me Uriah the Hittite.”**

**<sup>13</sup>Then David invited him to dinner and got him drunk. But even then he couldn't get Uriah to go home to his wife.**

**“Station Uriah on the front lines where the battle is fiercest. Then pull back so that he will be killed.”**

**<sup>26</sup>When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.**

I. Observations about decision making

A. Some followers of Jesus think...Destiny is NOT determined by “everyday” decisions  
Got to be “big stuff”

Got to be “moral stuff”

- B. Many followers do not think God really wants input on everyday decisions.
- C. Many followers of Jesus have never been taught how to make good life decisions

1. “Peace “method

**Jeremiah 17:9** “The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

**Phil 4: 6** **Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.**

2. Sign method

3. One sided conversation method

II. Why is it important to make good decisions at all levels of our lives as followers of Jesus?

If destiny is shaped by the decisions we make.... shouldn’t we pursue decisions that are best for God’s plan for our lives?

In other words....The path we pursue impacts the plan God has for us.

**Ephesians 2:8-10** **God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**

Here is what we know about the plan...

He is changing us

He wants us to reach the unreached and teach the reached.

**Close:**

The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a say in your life. You have a choice in the path you take.

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