Better Decisions
Better - (# 3)  February 18, 2024  OPENING SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:25-30
KEY VERSE: Matthew 11:28
TEXT: Hosea 14:1-9 KEY VERSE: Micah 6:8
Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?
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1) We Turn?
2) We Turn?

3) We Turn Back?

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1 O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; For thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

Hosea 14:1–9 KJV 1900

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2 Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: Say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: So will we render the calves of our lips.

Hosea 14:1–9

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3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: Neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: For in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

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4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: For mine anger is turned away from him.

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5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: He shall grow as the lily, And cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

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6 His branches shall spread, And his beauty shall be as the olive tree, And his smell as Lebanon.

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7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; They shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: The scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

Hosea 14:1–9

8 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.

Hosea 14:1–9

9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? Prudent, and he shall know them? For the ways of the Lord are right, And the just shall walk in them: But the transgressors shall fall therein.

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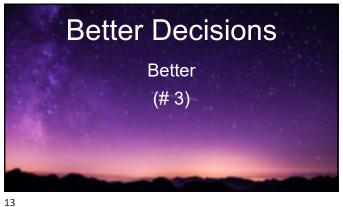
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God is calling out to people.

God is calling out to us today.

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An acronym for crisis is: Corruption Rebellion Idolatry Self-deception Injustice Stupidity

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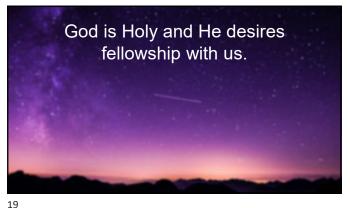
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1) To Whom We Turn?

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O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; For thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Hosea 14:1 KJV 1900



For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:23 KJV 1900

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God is calling us to make a responsible decision.

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: Therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. KJV 1900

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1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: KJV 1900

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, And your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2 KJV 1900



By asking God to forgive us.

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Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: Say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: So will we render the calves of our lips.

Hosea 14:2

We can offer praise unto God, only after we have asked Him to forgive us, and we know that He has answered our prayer.

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Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts: And let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13

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7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7-8 KJV 1900 31

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. James 4:7-8 KJV 1900

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1) To Whom We Turn? 2) How We Turn? 3) Why We Turn Back? To walk in God's ways.

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The question is not, "Who has knowledge?" But instead. "Who is wise?"

There are only two choices:
Doing God's Will or
doing the devil's will.

When we are forgiven,
we are taking the first step
in holiness, which is
one of the ways of the Lord.

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But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

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Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Hebrews 12:14

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When we walk in God's Ways we receive mercy and truth.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Psalm 25:10

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Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23:6

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Sin brings a crisis to any life and to any nation or people.

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God offers life through forgiveness and forgiveness provides a way to escape. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: For the end of that man is peace.

Psalm 37:37 KJV 1900

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Hosea 14:4–8

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