Have Courage

Today's Choices Shape Tomorrow's Reality # 2 October 10, 2021 <u>TEXT</u>: 1 Samuel 26:1-12 KEY VERSE: Romans 12:9

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Have courage to make choices based upon God's Word.

1) David Had _____.

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> Each of us make choices every day.

There are important choices and then there is life's most important choice that will shape your eternity.

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King David was a decision maker, who knew that his choices had tremendous impact on others as well as himself. A concern for something or someone usually forms our commitments and guides us in our decision making process.

Nothing will ever change or evolve into something better without positive choices based upon God's Word and an unfailing commitment to that decision.

It is essential to make an intentional and definite decision to follow God and to put Him at the helm of our life.

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1) David Had <u>Courage</u>.

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Those with courage, put out a call to the courageous.

David said, I am going, who will go with me?

6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee. 7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him. (1 Samuel 26:6-7)

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Do you have a vision, a goal the Lord has given you? Then with the courage God has given you, put out a call to the courageous.

6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)

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He must increase, but I must decrease. (John 3:30)

Let's make sure we are doing something for God.

- 1) David Had <u>Courage</u>.
- 2) David Had A <u>Connection</u> With God.

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Stay in consistent communication with God.

8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time. 9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless? (1 Samuel 26:8-9)

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Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105)

God's Word is unfailing.

References:

2 Timothy 2:15

Psalm 1:1-2

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. (Joshua 1:8)

When we allow the Word of God in our life, then we start to live for Christ.

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- 1) David Had <u>Courage</u>.
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- 3) David Had A <u>Commitment</u> To God's Word.

The commitment we have to the Word of God is the area of the will we commit to obeying God.

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10 David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish. 11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that *is* at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go. (1 Samuel 26:10-11)

David had a commitment to God's Word and to his fellow man.

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Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. (Romans 12:9)

References:

Matthew 5:44

Ephesians 4:31-32

Don't think that you are being weak, when you turn the other cheek.

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Hebrews 10:30

Galatians 6:7-8

Do you want to be a person who takes control of his or her own future?

Then give your life over to Christ.

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Concluding Scripture:

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