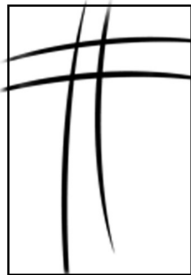

Conclusion:

Decision #4— _____!



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Be The Clay

Resting in God's Sovereignty through Suffering

Text: Isaiah 18:1-6

Jeremiah 18:1-6 "1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. 5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel."

Isaiah 64:8 "8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

Isaiah 45:9 "9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?"

Isaiah 29:16 "16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?"

Introduction:

God's answer to EVERY QUESTION—_____!

Job 1:21, "...Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Job 2:10, "...What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips."

Job 7:17, "What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?"

David sized up man's position with God this way:

Psalms 8:4, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

Psalms 144:3. "LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!"

1. _____

Psalms 27:14 "14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."

Psalms 46:10 "10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalms 37:7 "7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass."

James 5:8 "8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

2. _____

Ezekiel 36:26 "26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

Romans 12:1, 2 "1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

3. _____

Ephesians 2:10 "10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Philippians 1:6 "6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

Psalms 100:3 "3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."