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New Message Series: TRUSTING GOD: From Fear to Faith!

Revelation 12:7-12

Revelation 17:13, 14

1. The Choices We Make

Proverbs 16:9 “*We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.”*

Four Things to Wisely Consider:

- 1) You are one decision away from changing your life forever.
- 2) The choices we make today determine the stories we tell about our lives tomorrow.
- 3) It's the small decisions no one sees that result in the big impact everyone wants.
- 4) God is focused not on your happiness but on your pursuit of Jesus, which satisfies your soul like nothing else.

2. The Choice To Trust God

Two Examples:

- 1) Doubting Thomas to Trusting Thomas

John 20:24-28

Some: Believe in God, but just don't trust Him completely

Many: Commit to following Jesus but still hold back part of yourself... wondering...

⇒ Thomas trusted Jesus enough to die for Him: Do you trust Him enough to live for Him?

- 2) A Furious Storm

Mark 4:35-38

Our human response: “Lord, don't You care?”

Mark 4:38-41

Many: “If you're a Christian, you shouldn't have trouble.”

John 16:28-33

Jonah 2:1, 2, 7

Reality: We learn to trust God when storms rage around us.

3. The Fear of Not Having Enough

1 Kings 17:7-16

When Fearful Remember Two Things:

- 1) God's presence is with you, no matter how alone you may feel.

Mark 4:37, 38

- Storms give God a great opportunity to show Himself STRONG!

Psalms 46:1

- 2) Not only is God with you in the storms, He will use them for His purposes in your life

ACTION STEP: We can PRE-DECIDE that no matter what happens — WE WILL TRUST IN GOD.

⇒ The More You Get To Know God—The More Your Faith Will Grow