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Series: The Principle of the Path

Today's Message: The Story You Will Tell

Joshua 24:15, 23, 24 "... then choose today whom you will serve... destroy the idols among you and turn your hearts to the Lord. And the people said... The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey."

Driving Theme: "Direction - not _____ - determines our destination." ~Andy Stanley

Judges 2:10, 12, 15 "After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things He had done... They abandoned the Lord... They went after other gods... the Lord fought against them... And the people were in great distress."

The Story You Will Tell

#1. David In The Cave: The Valley of _____

1 Samuel 24:4, 5 "Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. And afterward David's heart struck him..."

Decision Making: Powerful emotions at work, passion _____ ability to accurately evaluate.

A Moral Imperative At Work Here: King Saul didn't _____ to the voice of God and brought suffering and death to Israel; this must be stopped!!

David's Condition: He saw thru the _____ of emotion and chose the path of "no regrets"

Three Areas Seen:

1. The law of God—Saul is the King; it's against the law to kill him.
2. The principles of God—You don't kill or dishonor the King (David felt guilt at cutting robe)
3. The wisdom of God—David knew this story would eventually be part of his legacy.

Powerful Truth: "No one ever accomplishes the will of God by breaking the law of God, violating the principles of God, or ignoring the wisdom of God."

#2. Finding Clarity

Three Questions To Ask:

1. Does this option violate God's law?
2. Does this option violate a principle?
3. In light of the story I want to tell, what is the wise thing to do?

In The End: David fully honored God first—Saul soon died—God's promise of David becoming King happened!

1 Corinthians 14:8 *"For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for battle?"*

- * Retreat?

- * Charge? (Results: DISASTER)

The Message You're Sending:

- * God is All Important?

- * Christ is Everything?

- * My life, my time, my money—Is All Surrendered to God?

- * That One Sentence Would Describe Your Life On Your Tombstone?

Your Life Story: to help bring clarity to those writing a story of their own.