

# It's Your Choice – Make It Today!

*“Your success as a family, our success as a society, depends not on what happens in the White House, but on what happens in your house.”*

Barbara P. Bush, 1990

Jesus promises “a rich and satisfying life” (John 10:10, NLT) but the majority of men are **CONFUSED** about what that really looks like. They don't feel **WORTHY** of God's **GENUINE AFFECTION** and **PERSONAL CONCERN**.

Some men have had such a poor experience with their **HUMAN FATHERS** that they're unsure and confused about how to relate to a **HEAVENLY FATHER**.

**Ecclesiastes 1:2 (NIV)** “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

**Ecclesiastes 2:10b-11 (NIV)** My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor. . . <sup>11</sup>Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained **UNDER THE SUN**.

And his conclusion?

**Ecclesiastes 2:17(NIV)** “I hated life, because the work that is done **UNDER THE SUN** was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind”

Solomon's mistake was to pursue meaning apart from God. The message for us is clear:

Apart from God, **LIFE HAS NO MEANING**.

Apart from God, **LIFE HAS NO ENDURING HAPPINESS**.

Apart from God, **WE GET ONLY THE SHADOW OF THE THING WE WANT**.

Solomon chased the shadow; he didn't chase the real thing.

True meaning cannot be found **UNDER THE SUN** but only **IN THE SUN**.

**1 Kings 11:1-2 (NIV)** King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women...

<sup>2</sup>They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, “You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.” Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love.

## So What Are We To Do?

**Joshua 24:14-15 (ESV)** “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Nothing is **STRONGER IN YOUR LIFE** than God.

**Romans 8:31 (ESV)** “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

No one.

90% of the Evangelical Christian Churches have never been used by God to lead another individual to know Jesus Christ in a personal saving way. That's astonishing and disturbing to me!

Why would you come to church, read the Bible and grow closer to Christ if you don't want to share about His wonder and majesty with others?

If you had the cure for cancer and someone had cancer you'd tell them about it, right?

We don't have the cure for cancer; we have the cure for **DEATH** and **EVERYONE** has that disease.

William Wallace said, in the movie Braveheart, “Every man dies; not every man really lives.”

Life is most exhilarating when pursuing a cause greater than ourselves. How sad it must be to be on your deathbed and feel remorse about opportunities lost to serve Jesus.

“The turning point in our lives is when we stop seeking the God we want and start seeking the God who is.” Pat Morley

Being a Christian is like being pregnant. You either are or you aren't. You can't be sort of pregnant. It's the same with being a Christian. If you're not absolutely sure that you're a Christian, then you probably aren't.

**2 Corinthians 13:5 (NASB)** Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

So today, you must make the choice who you are going to serve?

What about it men? You set the pattern, you set the pace!

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