

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Pastor George Dupree – October 23, 2011

We make countless choices everyday of our lives...Every choice changes and shapes our lives to some degree or another.

Life can be _____ – difficult to deal with – intimidating – That's why it's best to trust in the Lord.

- † Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Life can be _____ – bewildering, baffling, unclear, perplexing, puzzling, mystifying, disconcerting; ambiguous, misleading, inconsistent, contradictory; unaccountable, inexplicable, impenetrable, unfathomable; complex, complicated

- † Proverbs 16:25 Sometimes what seems right is really a road to death.

We need _____

- † Judges 17:6 in those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

- † Proverbs 29:18 without guidance from God law and order disappear, but God blesses everyone who obeys his Law.

We need God to _____ to us. There are several ways that God will speak to us, in every way it has to be in alignment with God's Word, the Bible. If it doesn't line up with the Bible just disregard it, it may seem good or right but it will not lead to life.

One way that God speaks to us is called _____ – Prophecy can be simply defined as the heart of God speaking to the understanding of man. Please be aware that there are TRUE prophets as well as FALSE prophets.

God tells us that our words are powerful; death and life are in the power of the tongue. When God speaks to us and we affirm that word by speaking it again we are engaging in a worthwhile fight...

We use prophecies as _____

- † 1Timothy 1:18 Timothy, my child, I entrust to you this command, which is in accordance with the words of prophecy spoken in the past about you. Use those words as weapons in order to fight well,

At Living Water Church we have received many prophecies, some have come to pass, some have not (yet). There have also been some that continue to hold true for us in that they apply to not only to the past but also the present and future.

Here is an example of that...

- † *For I would have that building go up, and indeed it is no coincidence that it does lie at the fork of this island, and it shall be a place of decision... and as thou shall see the provision of God, and as thou shall see the blessings and the prosperity come thy way, it shalt be a test, whether thou wouldst go the way that many have gone before thee, the way of prosperity, the way of forgetting who began this work. But, my son and those round about thee, if thou wouldst remember the way of the cross, if thou wouldst keep the cross as thy central figure, if thou wouldst always uplift the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ you will pass the test and I would raise up a place and a people after my own name.*

Rick Vargas - 1980

That prophetic word came to us while Pastor Frank was in a “**valley of decision**” concerning when and how to build on the newly acquired land for our church – thank God he stepped out and chose to trust God... Thank God that those around him chose the same thing too...

From that day this Church has been a place of decision for everyone that has stepped foot on this property – my most sincere prayer is that the leadership of this church will always present clear choices for people to follow Jesus by way of the cross.

The prayer of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane can sum up the way of the cross –

- † Luke 22:42 ...Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.

May that be our prayer today – not my will God, but yours.

Today I Choose _____