

DIVINE RESTORATION 2021

SERMON TITLE:

Choose Life!

DATE:

24 January 2021

WORD

Read Mark 4:35-41 (NKJV)

- **God says cross over**, but He doesn't show you the storm / dead-end before the time.
- *If God brought us to it, He will bring us through it!*
- There is purpose on the other side!

THERE IS A BATTLE:

- **Before** you were saved the battle was for your **eternal life** (one day).
- **After** you were saved the battle is now for your **abundant life** (right now).
- **In the World** the battle is for **Truth**.

We are crossing over into RESTORATION:

- **We live by God's VOICE** – *navigate the storm, adjust your sails.*
- Abundant life is **our CHOICE**.

1. HEARING GOD'S VOICE

Read Isaiah 30:21 (NLT)

The Bible says we have access to the voice of God.
God wants to lead you!

Read Revelation 4:1 (NKJV)

Go up and get directions from God (**Position** yourself).
Acknowledge Him in **all your ways** & He will direct your paths.
Move away from all the things that are keeping you on the ground!

HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO ME?

1. **Word** (Psalm 119:105, John 10:27). Be a sheep, not a donkey!
2. **Inner witness / Unction** of the Holy Spirit (**1 John 2:20, 27; Proverbs 20:27**).
3. **Gifts of the Spirit** (**Ephesians 4:11-13**) Anointed preaching & teaching for life-change, no revelation for private interpretation.)
4. **Godly counsel** (**Proverbs 11:14**) Surround yourself with people who love you & know you & are godly people with fruit. This is not a substitute for God's voice. Hear God for yourself.
5. **Circumstances** push you in a certain direction.
6. **Peace of God** (**Colossians 3:15**) Acts like an umpire!
7. **Provision** (**Psalm 37:25**) God's will is His bill, where He leads He feeds. Where He guides, He provides. He doesn't pay for what He did not order!
8. **Visions & Dreams** (**Acts 2:17**).

Read 2 Corinthians 13:1 (NKJV)

OWN NOTES:

2. MY CHOICE (The Bible is a book of decisions)**Read Deuteronomy 30:11-14; 19** (NKJV)**1. God works through a determined decision.**

(James 1:6-8) Major decisions, especially those that will affect others, need time, thought and focus. Minor decisions should be made quickly.

2. Indecision brings confusion & deception.

God is not the author of confusion (**1 Corinthians 14:33**)

Don't just pray instead of making a decision.

3. Choose!!!

You are not a victim, make a decision! Seek the Blessor, not just the blessing. His love is unconditional, but His blessing is conditional. **Walk in the blessing**, cross over to God's way. Choose His will. Set your mind on His solution by His power. Release the blessing by changing your decisions & actions.

4. The life of God is not a mystery.

Don't wait for something mystical to happen, you have to walk in it by making decisions.

5. You have power from God.

CHOOSE! You are empowered (blessed). God give you dominion, He accepts what you accept. He won't just intervene. Be strong & courageous, God won't do what you can do. You have a right not to serve God.

6. Your decisions affect the generations to come.**WHEN NOT TO MAKE DECISIONS:****1. Discouraged:**

Elijah-Highs & lows. Leave yourself time to bleed. Wait for spiritual refreshment. (**Acts 3:19-21**)

2. Must be right with God:

Go back to His original instruction. Failure is never fatal or final. Get in His presence. Endure (**1 Corinthians 10:13**). Learn from your mistakes

3. Under pressure:

Good pressure & bad pressure. Don't make permanent decisions under temporary pressure.

4. Angry:

(**Acts 15:36-41**). Your perception is not reality. Chill out, cool it! Be angry and don't sin.

5. Lust:

For something you want to do is a serious distraction. Desire is a creative force that gives birth to things whether good or evil.

6. Impatience:

Excitement is not commitment. Cool down. (**Genesis 14**) – Abraham tried to help God out and had Ishmael. Good ideas are not God-ideas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday 9:30am - Pastor Naas Vermaak Live on Facebook and YouTube! – Invite your world!

Ladies Prayer via Zoom with Pastor Wilna:

Wednesday Morning @ 10:00

Prayer & Intercession online with Pastor Naas:

Thursday Evening @ 18:30

WORKS

Encourage one another to keep inviting people to join your homecell and services online.

Let's stay attentive to the needs of the people in our world.

Let's continue to be vigilant in WINNING THE LOST AT ANY COST!