MY CHOICE

What would God have me think, say, or do?

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NASB) Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

• If I acknowledge the Lord (Proverbs 3:6), He guides me in what to think, what to say, and how to act.

Psalm 32:8 (NASB) I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

 When I acknowledge the Lord (Proverbs 3:6), He instructs me (Psalm 32:8) in what to think, what to say and how to act. He is then faithful with this promise...

Isaiah 30:21 (NASB) Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

What is **MY** choice in the moment?

- When I choose sin, I am agreeing with the enemy that his way is best.
- When I choose righteousness, I am agreeing with the Lord that <u>His</u> way is best.

"Sin does not leave us merely *guilty*, it renders us *unable*. It robs us of the ability to live in a way that pleases God. Sin kidnaps our desires and distorts our thoughts. It controls our tongues and rules our behavior. It saps our resolve and weakens our knees. It leaves us lame, weak and unable. We don't just need forgiveness and ultimate deliverance; we also desperately need present help--help so that we will have the will to desire and the power to do what is good in the sight of God. Our struggle with sin is so deep that only God living inside us can give us the power to please Him with our living. So God doesn't just forgive us, call us to do what is right, and promise us a final home with Him; He comes to us in between. He gets inside us, working within us, because there is no possibility that we will desire and do what is right without the working of His power."

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