

DISCOVERING YOUR DESTINY

Part 7: Winning The Game

Introduction – The Butterfly Principle



Matthew 10:42

“What we do and how we do it will probably have effects, forever and a day, to the end of time, and eventually in every corner of the cosmos.”

~ John Korber

The Difference Made By One Life

Ezekiel 22:30
1 Timothy 2:5
Ephesians 5:10

MAXIMUM IMPACT – The Way Of Wisdom

Romans 1:8-13
Ephesians 5:15-18

In making a difficult decision, ask:

- 1) What is my _____?
- 2) Then what are my _____?
- 3) What choice maximizes my opportunity to _____ my priorities and _____ my purpose?
- 4) All things being equal – what do I _____?

Free To Choose, Wrapped In Love

There is nothing you can do (or avoid doing) to make God love you any _____; and there is nothing you can do (or avoid doing) to make God love you any _____.

- Old Testament = “Hessed” = God’s _____ love.
Exodus 15:13; Psalm 32:10; Isaiah 40:6; Hosea 6:6
- New Testament = “Agape” = God’s _____ love.
Romans 8:35-39

Conclusion – Our Christian Confidence

Romans 8:28; Philippians 4:19

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week’s teaching, share what one thing most inspired, perplexed, or challenged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Let’s unpack the well-known **Psalm 23**. After reading through it, perhaps from more than one translation, answer the following: a) How does the picture of God as our “shepherd” help form our expectations about how he leads us? (Also see **John 10:1-18**.) b) On our way to saving the world and stopping global hunger, what does God want for us, according to **verses 2-3**? ...How can you practically model this better in your life? c) Discuss the concept of ‘calm in the middle of the storm’ in **verses 4-5**. ...In what ways does this describe your personal experience? How is it different? d) Can you spot the “hessed” in this Psalm? (Use what you know about how it is translated + different Bible versions to help.) Remind yourself and each other, what is the encouragement of God’s *hessed*? e) How does the “**Surely**” of **verse 6** help the calm of **verses 4-5** come about?

SO WHAT?...

3. In the journey of discovering our destiny, let’s be sure about what is most important. Read **1 John 5:10-13**. a) To what extent does this assurance of salvation describe your inner experience? b) According to these verses, what could someone who lacks assurance do to increase their assurance? c) What do you sense is the next step ahead for you in your spiritual journey. d) How can your Home Church help you take that step as wisely as possible?

LOOKING AHEAD...

4. When was the last time you talked about your faith in Jesus with a non-Christian?

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