



Prayer & Tough Decisions

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning

September 5, 2010

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46.1-10

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Introduction:

Do you ever feel the weight of decisions on you? Which way to go? What to do? Some decisions can affect the rest of our life; kids; everything! Hebrews 4:14-16 – Jesus can identify! So, what should we do in such situations? See Luke 6:12. How often do we pray about the decisions of life?

I. God wants us to pray.

- A. God is interested in the things going on in your life.
 - 1. He wants to hear about what you are _____. What you struggle with.
- B. Consider Psalm 46:
 - 1. 46:1a – God is our _____. Personal in nature.
 - 2. 46:2 (slip), 46:6 (totter) – from same Hebrew word.
 - 3. 46:4 – now contrast what we have just read to this verse:
 - a. Rivers are symbolic of a life-giving source; something _____ & calm.
 - 4. 46:7a – God is the God of the _____....
 - 5. 46:10 – *Be still & know that I am God.*

II. How does God help?

- A. God will provide us with resources to make decisions in godly/wise manner. What resources? James 1:5-7 Proverbs 2:1-7
- B. We need to be aware of the tendency to _____ prayer.
- C. No matter how busy we are, and how many pressures we face, we will never face a tough situation effectively without a strong prayer life.

III. How do we pray about the decisions of life?

- A. Luke 6:12b – in _____ . (On a mountain)
- B. Psalm 46:10 – *Be still and know that I am God.*
- C. How do we pray about our decisions?
 - 1. Squeeze Him into schedule amid noise of life? Between appointments?

Conclusion:

- A. Thursday's daily devotional challenged us to identify a difficulty that we have right now. What tough decisions do you currently face?
- B. Let me challenge you to once again offer a prayer to God and **be specific**.
- C. Seek His help and guidance in dealing with these matters. You will be surprised how much better you feel.

ANSWERS

Put off	Peaceful
Thinking	Solitude
Refuge	Individual

MY NOTES