

Moment Of Decision



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EXODUS 3:3

And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

(KJV)

Moment of decision is a turning point, it either makes or mars the life of a person. In life's journey, there are always crossroads where you have to decide whether to go to the right or to the left. At such moment, if you make the right call, glory to God, but if you make wrong decision, may God have mercy on you? The bible contains several examples of people

Who took either positive or negative turns while at crossroads.

EXAMPLES OF THOSE THAT TOOK POSITIVE DECISION WHILE AT CROSSROADS

Moses is one of such persons. In today's bible reading Moses made a turn that that sealed not only his destiny but also that of the Jews for good. I pray that God will guide you to always make the right call when you are at a crossroads in your life, In Jesus name. When Moses turned to see the great sight of the burning bush, the bible says it was then the Almighty God spoke. There are some necessary turns you must take in order to fulfill your destiny. There are steps you must take to make progress.

The bible in Exodus 3:4 says: And when the lord saw that he turned aside to See, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said here am I.

From that moment, a dialogue ensued, followed by a commissioning for an assignment of eternal value (Exodus 3:10).

Another example of someone who took the right turn was Elisha. His decision to answer the call of God to the office of a prophet made kings call him "my father" (1kings 19:19-21,2 kings 6:21).Also, the decision of Daniel, that he and his colleagues would not defile themselves with the king's meat, made him outcast several kings and serve as a

Reference point of excellence to them all(Daniel 1:8,Daniel 1:21,Daniel 5:11-12).The day peter forsook his big catch of fish at the lake of Gennesaret, he sealed his destiny as a foremost apostle whose shadow would heal the sick (Luke 5:10-11,Acts 5:15).The turning point Paul experienced on the road to Damascus resulted in him writing more than a third of the entire New Testament, not to mention the special miracles the Lord performed Through him (Acts 9:3-8,Acts 19:11-12).

RUTH 1:16

And Ruth said, in-treat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after Thee: for whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.

After Ruth lost her husband early in life and there was no child to show for the relationship, she could never have dreamt that she would be a mother of many nations through Jesus Christ our lord (Matthew 1:5).Ruth would have been long forgotten but a turning point in her life when she made the decision in the above verse. Her sister-in-law, orpah, kissed their mother-in-law goodbye and left, but Ruth refused to let go. She was resolute in her decision to stay with Naomi. After moving to the land of Israel with her mother-in-law, Ruth eventually remarried Boaz, who was a distant relation of her late husband. This union produced an ancestor of our Lord Jesus, Obed (Ruth 4:13-17).The last Mention of Orpah in the bible was when she was at a crossroads, and she made the decision to return to her idols.

And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and orpah kissed her mother-in Law, but Ruth clave unto her. And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister-in-law. (Ruth 1:14-15)

Beloved, what type of situation are you passing through now, and what decisions are you making? Have you weighed the decision you are making, and is God being brought into the picture? Think about it and go to prayer. While decisions made at crossroads resulted in a great future for Moses, Elisha, Daniel, Peter, Paul and Ruth.

EXAMPLES OF THOSE THAT TOOK NEGATIVE DECISION WHILE AT CROSSROADS

And Esau said, behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? Genesis 25:32

The decision of Esau at such a moment blighted his future. Esau found himself at a crossroads when his brother, Jacob, offered him food (a present need) in exchange for his birthright (a future asset).He experienced a negative turning point when he chose to sell His birthright. He filled his stomach with

bread and pottage of lentils, gulped some drinks, rose up and went his way, but forever lived to regret it.

The bible In Hebrews 12:16-17 says: *Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.*

Another figure who took a decision that led to negative turning point was Reuben, the first son of Jacob. He defiled the bed of his father by sleeping with his father's concubine. When Reuben was taking this decision to humiliate his father, Our father in heaven deserves our Heavenly father when we offer him worship that is polluted with sinful habits (Malachi 1:6-7).As priests of God (revelation 1:6), when we lift up unholy sinful habits (Malachi 1:6-7).As priests of God (revelation 1:6), when we lift up unholy hands in worship to God, we are offering polluted bread on his altar.

This reason bible in Romans 12:1 says:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service.

The most fearful thing in the story of Reuben is that after he did the Abominable act, he did not realize that his father knew about it, because his father never even mentioned it (Genesis 35:22). However, on the day of reckoning, his father placed a curse on him (Genesis 49:3-4).I will therefore encourage you to pray that the Lord will, through the blood of Jesus Christ, undo whatever you have done wrong in the past that is troubling you now even as a Christian.

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

Gehazi was the servant of Prophet Elisha. He was privileged to be the Apprentice of a great prophet and had the potential of inheriting at least the double portion of Elijah's power that was upon Elisha .However, his covetousness ruined his destiny as a would-be great prophet. He decided to go after the material things of this world at the would-be great prophet. He decided to go after the material things of this world at the expense of his prophetic calling. He was so determine to go after worldly things that he even swore by God that he must "possess his possessions". Like present-day worldly preachers, he seemed to be saying.....*after all, he that labors by the altar must feed by the altar.*

Consider his words in 2Kings 5:20: But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said ,behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the Lord liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him...

Once his sin of covetousness was found out by his master, the leprosy of Naaman was transferred to him and all his generations after him (2Kings 5:27).JUDAS ISCARIOT is another individual we should learn from. He had almost the same moral and spiritual problem as Gehazi: covetousness and greed. The bible says he was a thief, and being the treasurer of Jesus' ministry, he often stole from the purse (John 12:4-6).His greed got to the level where he took a decision that condemned him to eternal perdition. He decided to sell his master, the king of glory (Matthew 26:14-16).Before Judas Iscariot realized his folly, and he had already ruined the opportunity of having himself numbered among the twelve apostles. He ended up committing suicide.

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,...And he cast himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,...And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself...(Matthew 27:3&5)

Children of God in the 21st century must be wary of materialism. It is Deadly, though it may not look that way. This is why John the beloved warned us against worldliness, as if he knew what would become of the church in the end-times (1 John 2:15-17).

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