

Outcomes

Ready:

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:9

Set

Perhaps you have heard of a series of books called "Choose Your Own Adventure." The unique aspect of these books is that they are interactive. At varying points in the story the reader is provided with options. Depending on which option is chosen, the reader is directed to turn to a specific page and the story continues. Essentially, the stories have a number of different outcomes depending on the choices of the reader.

I remember reading these books years ago. I made a choice and the story came to an abrupt end for the character. I shut the book and starred at the cover completely bothered with the notion that a few wrong choices could have such bad results. Yet, as an adult I realize how that is all too real. The good news is, just as one wrong choice can set things in motion, so can one right choice. This is particularly important for those who feel they have gone too far. That their life is too much of a mess. I heard a friend say, "When you find yourself in a hole, quit digging." This seems simplistic, but it is the first step in the right direction.

Consider the last time you watched or played in a game that was not turning out well for a team. Time outs are called; strategies are formed; players are switched, etc. Sometimes we have seen teams fight their way back and win. All of this effort is because, in sports, great coaches and athletes never just accept that they are down. They do whatever they can to turn things around. It is the same way in life. It is possible, with God's help, to change the outcome. In the process we need to remember it may not be an easy process. This is because God forgives us of our sin but we still need to deal with the consequences of that sin. Stay hopeful in the process.

Romans 8:28 reminds us, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Before you start your day, pray. Ask God to help you with all the important decisions. Then listen for his guidance.

Go

1. Do you tend to make decisions without prayer?
2. What big decisions are you facing today?

Workout

Philippians 4:6-7; Proverbs 3:5-6

Bible Reference:

Philippians 4:6-7



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