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YOU ARE WHAT YOU ASK

Part 1: The Integrity Question

GOOD QUESTIONS LEAD TO BETTER DECISIONS BETTER DECISIONS LEAD TO FEWER REGRETS

“The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.” Proverbs 22:3

AM I BEING HONEST WITH MYSELF ?

The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.” Proverbs 18:17

YOU CAN'T MAKE THE BEST DECISIONS FOR YOURSELF UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO BE FULLY HONEST WITH YOURSELF

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”
Jeremiah 17:9

“The human understanding when it has once adopted an opinion... draws all things else to support and agree with it. And though there be a greater number and weight of instances to be found on the other side, yet these it either neglects or despises, or else by some distinction sets aside or rejects.” Sir Francis Bacon

“He [Zedekiah] did evil in the sight of the Lord his God, and did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the Lord.”
2 Chronicles 36:12

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”
Proverbs 4:23

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32

**I WILL NOT LIE TO MYSELF, EVEN
WHEN THE TRUTH MAKES ME FEEL
BAD ABOUT MYSELF.**

JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR PART 2 ...

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The Legacy Question

WHAT STORY DO I WANT TO TELL ?

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WHAT STORY DO I WANT TO TELL?

“Dead flies putrefy the perfumer’s ointment, and cause it to give off a foul odor; so does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor.” Ecclesiastes 10:1

**EVERY DECISION BECOMES A
PERMANENT PART OF YOUR STORY**

THE STORY OF JOSEPH

see Genesis 37-40

“Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. And it came to pass after these things that his master’s wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, “Lie with me.” But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” Genesis 39:7-9

“But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph’s hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph’s authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.” Genesis 39:21-23

YOU WANT TO BE THE HERO OF YOUR STORY

“And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life... God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you who sent me here, but God.” Genesis 45:4-8

**TODAY'S DECISION WILL SOON
BECOME TOMORROW'S STORY.**

**CHALLENGE #2: I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER
TO WRITE A STORY THAT I'M PROUD TO TELL.**

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The Legacy Question

IS THERE A TENSION THAT DESERVES MY ATTENTION ?

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Part 3 The Conscience Question

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IS THERE A TENSION THAT
DESERVES MY ATTENTION ?

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.” 1 Corinthians 2:12

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**I WILL EXPLORE, NOT IGNORE, MY CONSCIENCE
I WILL PAUSE, AND FIND THE CAUSE, OF MY HESITATION**

THE STORY OF DAVID AND SAUL

see 1 Samuel 24

“Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.” 1 Samuel 18:7

“Now it happened afterward that David’s heart troubled him because he had cut Saul’s robe. And he said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord.” So David restrained his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on his way.” 1 Samuel 24:5-7

“Let the Lord judge between you and me, and let the Lord avenge me on you. But my hand shall not be against you.” 1 Samuel 24:12

WE NEVER KNOW WHAT THE **OUTCOME** OF OUR DECISIONS WILL BE

“Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”
Exodus 14:13-14

JOIN US **NEXT WEEK** FOR PART 4 ...

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The Maturity Question

WHAT IS THE WISE THING TO DO ?

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“As a dog returns to his own vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.”
Proverbs 26:11

THE WRONG MINDSET

IF IT'S NOT ILLEGAL, IT'S PERMISSIBLE.
IF IT'S NOT IMMORAL, IT'S ACCEPTABLE.
IF IT'S NOT OVER THE LINE, IT'S PROBABLY FINE.

“All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful.” 1
Corinthians 6:12

QUESTION #4: WHAT IS THE WISE THING TO DO?

“No one quickly and at once rushes out into vice... The devil gently and little by little leads him on to it, until he comes to the very pit of destruction, and casts himself in.” St. John Chrysostom

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” Ephesians 5:15-17

**IN LIGHT OF MY PAST EXPERIENCES,
MY CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES,
AND MY FUTURE HOPES AND DREAMS,
WHAT IS THE WISE THING TO DO?**

“Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared?” Proverbs 6:27-28

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.” Galatians 6:7-8

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