

JUDE 1-3 "DRAWING A LINE"

LIFE JAM PACKED WITH DECISIONS /sci+Phsy – 35k/day – waking hours 2k/hr –

- **Decision anxiety, fatigue, regret. REGRET MAKE BAD DCISIONS - flourish**

Your decisions are driven by your goals, and your goals are shaped by your **values.**

VALMATMOST - guiding beliefs – last week..

- **ANYONE WHO IS SUCCESSFUL KNOWS THIS**

FORBES – SUCCESS: succ know when to stay and when to leave - They do more than what's asked of them - They are willing to fail in order to eventually succeed - They set real goals that they can accomplish. They take accountability for themselves and their actions. They make change instead of being affected by it. **VALUE DRIVEN**

- **IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT VALUES YOU WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL**

SJ I'm actually as proud of the things we haven't done as the things I have done. Innovation is saying no to 1,000 things.

JUST TO BE HERE: VALUE UR FAITH - presence, grow, community, family

MP: Success as a Christian means intentionally prioritizing Godly values to drive the right goals and decisions.

JUDE IS TRYING TO INFLUENCE VALUES OF THESE CHRISTIANS – C REAL CHANGE

DECISIONS: Deal False teachers influencing God's people – really care about reaching lost –put their whole heart spiritual growth -trust in sovereignty/faithfulness of God

Appeal: *parakaleo* urge, beg, intreat, implore (YOU GET THE PICTURE)

RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF YOUR FAITH

IT'S ACCESSIBLE

Mark 6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? **Acts 1:14** together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Jude had anything but a common relationship with Jesus. ½ brother – initially a denier

- Servant of Jesus Christ - Brother to James
- Common – we all come the same way - All sorts of assumptions

○ **DRILL DOWN ON THIS**

IT'S SALVATION

- **LOVE OF GOD SAVED YOU..... BROKEN/FLOURISHING – CONDEMNED/RESCUED – LOST/FOUND – HOPELESS/FULL OF HOPE**

You have had a change of heart because God has changed your heart.

- **EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE SAVED – PICTURE OF DROWNING PEOPLE**

Romans 10:9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

IT'S PRECIOUS - Once and all delivered to the Saints

- **Common doesn't mean ordinary, run of the mill, unremarkable, mundane**

You would think with the way Christians make decisions that is actually the case.

You know what you value based on the decisions that you make.

1 Peter 1:6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

INTENTIONALLY PRIORITIZE YOUR FAITH

Contend: ep-agonizomai – agonize, struggle, defend, fight – ALL UR EFFORT/FOCUS

The problem is we make it A VALUE instead of THE VALUE. An aspect that we service.

MIXED BAG VALUES – work, hobbies, family – UR FAITH IS PRIMARY IN ALL OF THOSE

How serious you take your pursuit of God - How the gospel influences all of those

- How you live as a gospel light - How you care for the church / the people of God

- EST VALUE SYSTEM – Make sure your faith has priority over all other things and then train yourself to the point where you are....

- **Jude knew this because He had to make a decision for himself**

There are times when a leader has to say to the people of God – it's time to fight for your faith. It's time to draw a line, pick the side you're going to live on, and LIVE IT.

Your values shape your goals and your goals drive your decisions.

- I Value God's Word – grow know/exp Bible – consistent eng att / daily devo
- Value Xian Community – expand breadth depth relationship – join LG/Serve
- Value Gospel – Gospel influence 1 person/month – live integrity/point to Jesus

NONE OF THIS HAPPENS UNLESS YOU CHOOSE TO BE INTENTIONAL EST VALUES

- **My faith is going to be the most important thing to me this year...**

REQUIRES DRAWING A LINE

When it comes to contending for your faith, don't just draw a line. Draw one and choose to live on that side of it.

- Which side of this salvation line do you stand on? **I DON'T KNOW??**
- Which side of the contending for the faith line do you stand on?

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