

How to Take the Right Decision Part 4

We will continue in this message to speak about how to take the right decision and the importance of the church in helping the members and guiding them in doing that. And so for such we will read more about the attitude and behavior of King David in regard to the spiritual leaders that God had placed around him and over him and how he was obedient to God's instruction in taking the right decision. Let us read:

“1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. 2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men. 3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me. 4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold. 5 And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.” (1 Samuel 22:1-5 KJV) As we read here that around David were gathered the people who were in distress, in debt and those who are discontented. **Such kind of people is more burdens to you if they are around and will make the decision making more difficult and more needed; so again to be in the church and the church leaders around you will help you to sort out such dilemma and crisis.**

Around David, in addition to that were his parents, who went out to him and that made the situation more critical. Those all people around David became a burden for him in his effort to take a right decision, and especially now he is fleeing to protect himself from Saul. King David asked permission from the king of Moab to keep his parents there till he will know what God wanted him to do as we read in verse 3, ***“till I know what God will do for me.”*** David was in need to hear from God of what he needed to do and how to handle those people, his parents, his brethren and his father's house. David desired that God would direct him to do what is right to move into the right direction. God granted his desires and sent Gad His prophet to David and instructed him to go back to Judah, and David obeyed as we read here, ***“And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.” (1 Samuel 22:5 KJV)*** See here the attitude of King David how he obeyed the Lord and how he humbled himself before the prophet of God in obeying his instruction. In contrary to the attitude of David is Saul who was insolent, and in enmity with the priests of God. **You need to be and behave like David, not only desiring to hear from God but to obey and respond to God when He sent you the leader that He placed in His church to guide you and direct you where to go and what to do.** David needed to obey the instruction of the prophet not only for his safety but as well as for the safety of the people who were with him and for the safety of his parents and his father's house. *** In the same way your obedience to the instructions of God that comes to you through the church leaders, the purpose of it is not only to save you troubles but to save the people who are with you and keep you well doing. * You have family, wife, children, siblings and parents; and all those will be protected and well provided if you keep close to God by being**

obedient to the instructions that you receive from God's church and the church leaders that God had placed with you.

“1 Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors. 2 Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. 3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? 4 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand. 5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.” (1 Samuel 23:1-5 KJV)

Here we can read that David was burdened with the situation of the Israelites in Keilah who were invaded by the philistines, and for their sake he inquired from God of what he needed to do. **We need to have the burden for one another and to help those who are in troubles. But before we do that we need to ask the Lord to lead us into His will as David did.** The people with David they warned him not to go, because it was dangerous situation, but he verified their doubt by going back and inquiring again from God. *** If God will not send us and approve our journeys we will not go. If God will tell us to move, then we don't to be afraid to go even to dangerous places. * Also in the same way; even for the easy journeys that we want to do, if God will not approve that to us, then we should not move and we should not go ahead in our journeys without God's approval.**

Let us continue to read:

“6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand. 7 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. 8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. 9 And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. 10 Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. 11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. 12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up. 13 Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth.” (1 Samuel 23:6-13 KJV)

Here we can see that even David had done great things for the people of Keilah and had saved them from their enemies they were not faithful to him. *** You see here that our faith should not be built on people and our trust should not be built on our trust on people but on God. Our decision should not be build up on people whom we serve and should not depend on our own understanding. * That is why we should always rely on God and His help and guidance to us and not on the people. Even the people that we serve and do good, they might be the same people who will betray us and do us harm and stand in support to our enemies, the devil.** David his policy was clear, that he rely on God and God alone. When he heard that Saul is coming he asked God if Saul will come and if the people of

Keilah will hand him to Saul. God answered clearly his two questions and guided him of what he needed to do. God told him that Saul will come down and that the people of Keilah will hand him over to Saul, so he concluded that he needed to leave Keilah.

Now the question is here: how David inquired of God? *“6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand. 9 And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod.” (1 Samuel 23:6, 9 KJV)*

David inquired of God through the prescribed way, through the priest as God ordained in His Word as we read here of how God commanded Moses of how such to be done when God appointed Joshua to lead His people after Moses: *“18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; 19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. 20 And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. 21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. 22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: 23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.” (Numbers 27:18-23 KJV)* David humbled himself and asked the priest of what he needed to do. The king needed to stand before the priest who will ask for him from the mouth of God. * In the same way, you need to humble yourself like as what David did here and to take the initiative to ask the church leaders to guide you out from the struggles that you are in, to help you to take the right decision. * In the New Testament God had placed pastors, teachers, prophets and evangelist in the church and you can open to them your struggles and ask advice and direction from them. * You need also to understand that the only way to find out the secretly practiced mischief against you is by inquiring from God who will reveal to you and to His church what the evil doers did or doing against you or planning to do against you in secret.

What we also learned from this story that the priest did not go by himself to King David and gave him the advice unless David went to him. * So what we can learn from here is that no point to go and advice the people and insist on them to do the right thing if they themselves will not come and ask us that themselves because no point to go and tell people the right advice if they are not willing to humble down and ask because simply they will not obey. * Therefore, humble yourself and take the initiative to ask the church leaders to guide you out from the struggles that you are in, and to help you to take the right decision.

My dear and beloved:

Let us come to God in repentance, confessing and renouncing our sins, and committing ourselves neither to trust people, nor to trust our own understanding but to trust God fully.

Let us commit ourselves to open up our lives to the church that He placed us in so we can be helped in our struggles and in the critical decisions that we need to take.

Let us be around the church and around the church leaders who will help us in our burdens and to assist us to sort out our dilemma and the crisis that we are passing through and lead us to take the right decision.

Commit yourself to desire to hear from God, and to obey and respond to Him when He send you the leader that He placed in His church to guide you and direct you where to go and what to do.

Commit yourself to be in obedience to the instructions of God that comes to you through the church leaders, which the purpose of it is not only to save you troubles but to save the people who are with you; your family, your wife, your children, siblings and parents, and keep you all well doing.

Let us commit ourselves as a church to be willing to guide the people and those who belong to them in their endeavor to take the right decision.

Commit yourself to have the burden for one another and to help those who are in troubles as you ask the Lord to lead you into His will of what you need to do to help them.

Commit yourself that if God will not send you and approve your journeys then you will not go.

Commit yourself that if God will ask you to move, then you don't need to be afraid to go even to dangerous places.

Commit yourself that your faith should not be built on people and your trust should not be built on your trust on people but on God alone. Your decision should neither be build up on your opinion of the people whom you serve, nor depend on your own understanding.

Commit yourself that you should always rely on God and His help and guidance to you and not on the people; because the people whom you serve and do good, they might be the same people who will betray you and do you harm and stand in support to our enemy, the devil.

Commit yourself to inquire from God who is the only one who will reveal to you what the evil doers did or doing against you or planning to do against you in secret.

Let us pray.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word in this message that showed me how you are leading me by placing me in your church and speaking to me through the church leaders that you had placed around me to give me your Word and to direct me where I need to go.

Confess and renounce your sins. Renounce your trust on man and on your own understanding. Renounce your non willingness to help others; those who are in troubles. Renounce your pride, and your non willingness to humble down and ask advice from the

church and the church leaders. Renounce doing your own will and plan. Lord I confess and renounce the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to the principles that I learned from this message. Lord I commit myself to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit that people will see Jesus in my life. Lord I commit myself to help people who are in trouble and work with your church to reach the lost and give your Word to the world around us.

Lord help me, and guide me out from the following trouble and crisis in my life _____.

Lord thank you for all my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins and give their lives to you to serve you and to live according to your will. Lord protect them and provide all their needs and sustain them as they humble themselves and listen to our instructions that are coming from you.

Lord we pray as a church and commit ourselves to continue to lead and guide the brethren with your Word and according to your will and your plan for them. Lord we ask you to help and lead us in every decision that we make, that you will be there with us and to lead us into the center of your will. Lord give us discernment and deliver us from all the schemes of the devil and its works against us. We ask Lord to refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gift that we need in our lives to go on and serve you, evangelizing, making new disciples, training new workers to plants new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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