



The Power of Good Decisions

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Text: 2 Kings 7:3-8 English Revised Version (ERV)

Big Question: Are you satisfied with your current location in life?

Big Thought: Your decision-making ability can change your future.

Introduction: The power of good decisions can change your life. They can take you to new places and new experiences. Your decisions have the power to move you from your status quo to a better life today and a better future.

2 Kings 7:3-8 (ERV) ³ Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, “Why stay here until we die? ⁴ If we say, ‘We’ll go into the city’—the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let’s go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die.”

⁵ At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, no one was there, ⁶ for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, “Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!” ⁷ So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives.

⁸ The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp, entered one of the tents and ate and drank. Then they took silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also.

I. Three Critical Decision-Making Elements We Learn from the Lepers (Evaluation, Direction, Action)

1. They Evaluated Their Current Situation (v4)

- a) They were not satisfied
- b) They were sick (isolated)
- c) They were hopeless (helpless situation)
- d) They would die without a change
- e) They were dependent

Side Question: Where are you and where do you want to be?

Note: As you gain clarity about what your alternatives are you become clear about your own goals, dreams, and desires and the field of possibilities narrows. So, what does it cost to get there?



2. They Decided on a Direction (v4b)

- a) They chose to move (They said to each other, “Why stay here until we die?)
- b) They made the decision to fight forward

3. They Took Action to Build a Better Future (v7-8)

- a) They understood inaction was their greatest enemy
- b) They experienced new possibilities

Note: God had already delivered them. If they did not take action, they would not have experienced the opportunities ahead of them

Conclusion:

Walking with God will give you clarity when your feelings are all over the place

Romans 15:4 (NIV) ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

II. Four decisions that I made to build a better future

- 1) I decided to trust God in difficult times
- 2) I decided to own up to my mistakes
- 3) I stopped making decisions based on my feelings
- 4) I decided to be educated which changed my options in life