

Life can change in a moment...

That moment is often defined by a decision we make...

I. Introduction:

Consider the moments in life that bring us, that announce for us, life changing events:

- ❑ A phone call...
- ❑ An accident...
- ❑ A medical diagnosis...
- ❑ My supervisor coming into my office for an unscheduled meeting...

Consider the moments in our life that are defined by a decision we make:

- ❑ Making the decision to go to college and committing to a degree plan, a career path...
- ❑ Deciding to POP the question...
- ❑ Getting my first raise...,
 - Think about how many opportunities we've lost because we never asked the question, we never followed through...
- ❑ Deciding to be a Christian, deciding to live for the Lord...
 - I fear many never make this decision because they never hear the question, in order to decide we have to know what the question is. I baptized one of my best friends in the world because I asked him the question...

II. Body:

A) Let's consider first of all those moments in life that just happen to us, those moments we have no control over. I can't imagine experiencing those moments that change my life in the span of a moment without having my faith.

So often those moments take away our security, they challenge our security. Through these moments God often works to teach

us that we have placed trust in things that don't last, that aren't eternal, that really don't matter in the scheme of eternal life.

I must admit, that sometimes these moments cause me to seriously question my faith. They cause me to ask myself, "Does my faith in Jesus Christ really make a difference?" Some may be troubled by this question but I want to suggest to you that this can be very healthy! If you have never asked yourself, "Does my faith make a difference?" How do you know it does? How do you know you can truly trust, if you've never wrestled with the question?

My point is this, because I've considered the difference without Him, I know I can count on Him! I know He has sustained me through these moments when I couldn't protect myself or control those situations where evil, hardship, persecution, and adversity were attacking me.

Consider the Word and note the Hope they reveal for those who trust in the Lord in times, in moments, of challenge:

- Psalm 1 and hi-lighted verses
- Lamentations 3:19-26
- Romans 8:31b-39

B) Now, what about those moments we can control, those moments defined by our decisions, the decisions we make or need to make.

Consider Joshua in Joshua 24:14-16..., the right decision, look at how it influenced others...

Now let's look at Acts 5:1-11..., the wrong decision, look at how it influenced other...

Note the anatomy of sin here, James 1:14-15...

First we think about it, then we decide...

III. Conclusion:

Think about this:

- II Thessalonians 1:6-9 & 2:10...
- What is the Gospel?
 - I Corinthians 15:1-4...
- How can we obey the gospel?
 - Romans 6:1-4...
- What decision do you need to make?

This could be your moment, this could be the moment that makes the difference in your eternity...

Decide today who you will serve...