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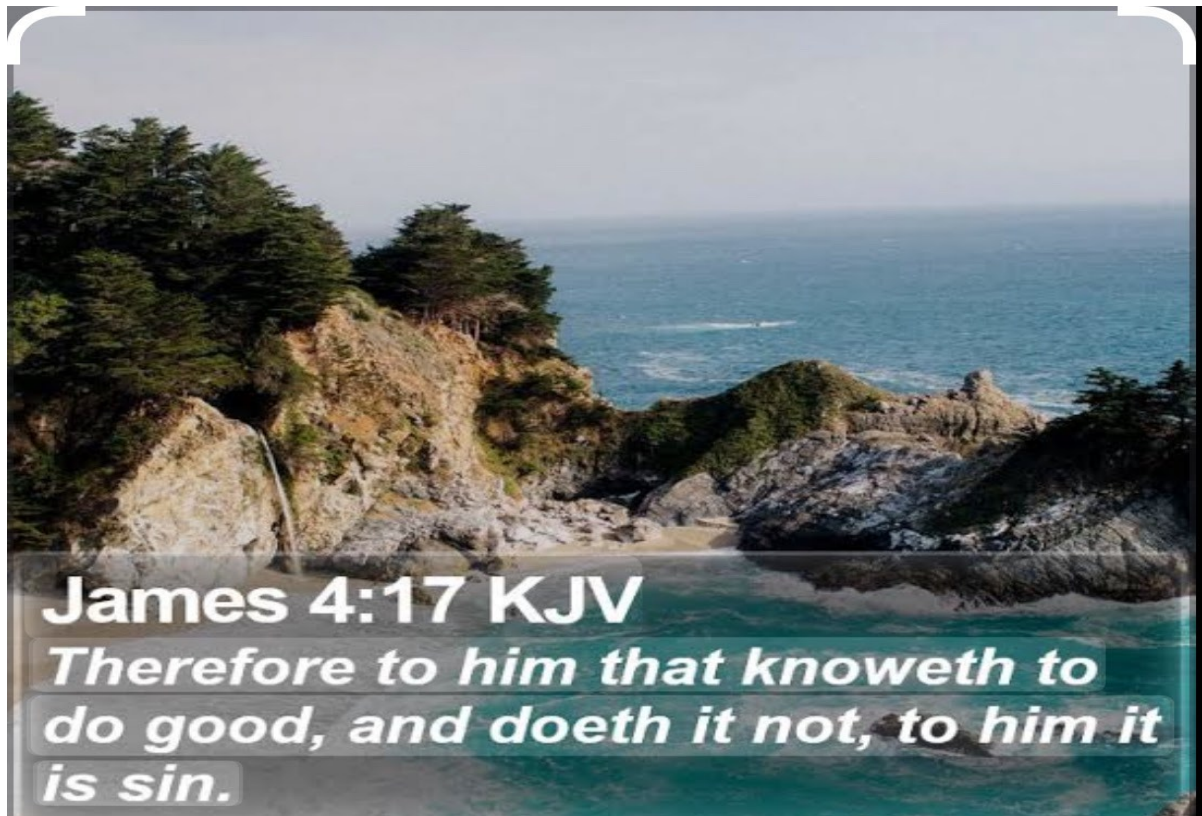
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Dear Joseph,

Pastor Carringer preached out of the park messages in the am and pm services.

Immediately following we had a nice "BIRTHDAY/THANK YOU" gathering in our Life Family Building for Mrs. Raye Pruitte. While this celebration was basically for Mrs. Raye, both her and Michael have put in countless numbers of years and hours laboring for the Lord at Buford Grove Baptist Church. No matter what we would have done, I don't think anyone would've felt like it was sufficient to tell Raye and Mike how much we really appreciated them.

This week started normal. Mike Pruitte and I did our early Monday morning Winn/Dixie run for the food bank. I took care of a lot of loose ends that needed done when I got back and spent time in my office.

On Tuesday, we received word that Sherrie Crosby's husband Dave was In hospice and not doing well. Pastor Carringer and I went down to visit and arrived just two minutes after he had passed away. It is a very sobering and serious time for the family. It was our privilege, and we were more than happy to be there and pray with them and encourage them through their time of grieving.

Wednesday was a very full day. I didn't feel 100% when I got up. I worked in my office most of the day ... Had a counseling session at 6 o'clock pm ... And then our prayer meeting was at seven. By the time I went over to the church, I was feeling a

little soreness and yuckiness that I didn't like. I went straight to the platform and did not go down and shake hands with anyone thinking that I might be coming down with something. Immediately after the service, I exited the platform and went out the back door to my motorhome. By this time, I knew something wasn't what it should be in my old body. I spent all day Thursday and most of Friday in my motorhome.

Friday at 11:00 I wasn't feeling great, but I really wanted to show my respect and attend the funeral of Dave Crosby. However, I made no contact with anyone and as soon as the funeral was over, I went straight back to my motor home.

I am certainly feeling better today, but I still am not 100%. I don't know what I had, but I certainly don't want to give it to anyone ... Not even my worst enemy 🤮.

Right now, I'm finishing up with my Barn - Post and will send it out to you shortly

Let us continue to pray 🙏 one for another.



Assistant Pastor Michael Pruitte And His Wife Raye. Raye Was Honored For Her Birthday But More Than That Her many Years Of Service To The Youth At Buford Grove Baptist Church.



Pastor Keith And His Wife Bethany Socializing At
Raye's Special Day



Buford Grove Baptist Church's Minister Of Music,
Christian Hoyle, And Mrs. Dawn Colley Provided
Music For The David Crosby Funeral

Saturday Eve Barba-Post

"Thoughts To Ponder" **"MAKING RIGHT CHOICES"**

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

In early February 1990 my oldest daughter Jodi was in a very unusual accident. She passed away on 23 February 1990.

At times like this, we can either become bitter or better. I can tell anyone right now that God's grace is sufficient, and I did not get bitter at God. I'm not going to tell you that I totally understood what God was doing. I just knew I had to trust Him.

I had only been saved for two years. I was in my second semester at Ambassador Baptist Bible College in Shelby, North Carolina. I truly felt that I was in the center of God's will. Why would something like this happen to me?

Regardless, of where we are or what we're doing when difficulties arise in our lives. We have to make the "Right Choices".

Sometimes the **choice** seem to be the difference between "Good and Bad". We must always **choose** the good.

Sometimes the **choice** is between "The Good and The Better", and then we must **choose** the better thing.

No matter who we are, we will all face difficulties ... in these circumstances ... if we are walking with God ... God will always help us make wise **choices** ... **IF and that's a big IF** ... we allow Him to lead the way. The more difficult the choice ... the greater the opportunity we have to glorify our heavenly Father.

We find many principles in God's Word to gauge our **choices**. It is important to be well acquainted with God's Word so that we can **choose** according to God's holy will.

Jesus himself quoted from the Word when He tempted by Satan ... Matthew 4:4 But he answered (Satan) and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

If we heed the voice of the Holy Spirit rather than our own fleshly desires, God will steer us in the right direction. In the Lord's prayer it says, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13).

Ruth is an excellent example of one who made right **choices**. She **chose** to reject the idols of her own people and follow Naomi and the true God of Israel. Ruth told Naomi in Ruth 1:16 ... Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

Ruth was well rewarded for her **choices**. She was accepted into Israel and even became part of the ancestry of Jesus Christ!

You might be coming out of a problem ... Or you may be in the midst of a problem ... Or there may be one coming down the road that you don't know about.

The key in facing any problem is to:
"ALWAYS MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE"

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT 

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Sinner Saved By Grace 

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