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"How would you Choose?"

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A young man was presented with choices. The measurement was his decision. His decision would be final and was not changeable. His reward was exactly porportioned to the success of his choises. The task at hand was moving a chair in a four sided cabin to a window that faced water, prarie, mountains or

forest. He was asked how will you move the chair? He answered, "With my hands." With your right hand or left hand? He answered, "With both." Do you really need both hands? He answered, "Yes because together I have more

strength, better balance and more control of what I am doing,

What window have you chosen? The young man's eyes circled the room and gazed into each of its four windows

situated each on its own separate wall. Then place the chair in front of the window you have chosen. Now tell me

what you did and what reward you see in your future?

I have chosen the clear window that sees farther than my vision, changes the most and has many faces of light and

darkness. I choose the praire window to see because its view is far, changeable but not unsettled by waves, or

blocked by peakes or crowded by trees.

He recognizes the importance of togetherness and the challenges of life changes. He seeks a clear long vision of his life.

> "Justice or Mercy" by Dr. James R. Wining, President/Bishop Acts Ministry Inc.

As Christians we are called to forgive and give mercy to the remorseful trespasser. As a citizen of the USA, a free republic society, we are called to demand accountability for injustices committed. These two divergent responses to a trespasser appear to be in conflict. The question then evolves into two parts. What is the punishment of the trespasser and what is the measurement of its appropriateness?

In the USA at both state and federal levels there are two levels of punishment for trespassers. These levels are broadly defined as misdemeanors or felonies. Misdemeanors essentially are deemed "Wrong," but not significant enough for incarceration or stiff fines. They constitute approximately eighty percent (80%) of all crimes committed in the USA. Misdemeanors as punishment usually entail incarceration of less than one year and fines less than \$2,000. However, probation for the trespasser is often time's part or all of his punishment

The latitude for mercy is clearly there at the misdemeanor level. However, the basis for a Christian punishment is clearly founded on mercy, forgiveness and a willingness to embrace Christian morals and ethics for future conduct. This latter point many times is overruled by the trespasser's life circumstances such as drug addiction, children and or poor/homeless. The immediate probables faced by the trespasser are so overwhelming that any change in meaningful Christian morals and ethics is unlikely. Therefore, the answer for Christians seeking forgiveness and mercy for a trespasser is to prepare for no results but be prepared to step in to offer mercy when times or circumstances change without other overriding considerations.

Always listen carefully for the trespasser's testimony, offenses and his proposed change in walk. Be certain it is

not a memorized speech or random proclamation without specifics of change, plans, relationships or safe guards

necessary to meet rehabilitation. Be prepared to dust off your sandals as Jesus did and leave the trespasser. You

might defend a trespasser as Barnabas defended Paul or somewhere in between. You, as a minister may make the

difference in the life of a trespasser. Amen

Forgiveness, Repentance & Fellowship

Felony trespassers normally involve violent crimes and these trespassers are facing significant time in incarceration. Felon trespassers also have limited if any viable counterbalancing circumstances to justify

leniency or Christian mercy. However, under these circumstances their attention may focus on Christianity as a

last possibility or any possibility to receive a reduced sentence or abeyance from a life threatening sentence.

Here is where we have responsibility to God, the government and the justice system.

Most judges and jurors usually accept post-trial testimony on behalf of a criminal defendant by a minister or priest. Most parole hearing officers also expect to hear testimony on behalf of the incarcerated criminal by a minister or priest. You may think the justice system set up by government is prepared for each and every kind of criminal ploy to reduce or avoid heavy fines or long term incarceration. However, latitude exists in sentencing and inequality of justice can occur with or without redeeming testimony of mercy for confession in "Christian lifestyle change."

I do not profess to actually know what Jesus would do if he were to bodily attend this conference.

Let me set the stage for the readers: a stripper (Alex Magala) did a strip show, climbed a stripper pole and fell down from the

stripper poll as he swallowed a sword. He did this in front of 3,000 men and boys at James River Church with the blessing of

the head pastor, John Lindell. The next morning, Mark Driscoll, was down on his knee proclaiming the sin that was

perpetrated the night before by Alex Magala. John Lindell stopped him, told Mark he was out of line and kicked Mark off the stage.

The defense by John Lindell has for this show:

- 1. Alex was a believer. Not true.
- 2. The "pole" is a 1200 year Chinese

tradition. However, our culture sees that pole as a Stripper pole only.

3. According to John Lindell, Mark should have done Matthew 18 prior to Saturday.

Matt 18: totally out of context.

What would Jesus do if He encountered such a thing? He would have known Alex Magala was not a believer. He would have

seen the sexual sin taking place. He would have felt the evil being perpetrated on those men in the audience. He would

have been in pain and anguish for the audience that such a thing would occur in a house of His. Everything would have been

torn down in a flash.

Anyone remember Jesus going into His temple and turning over the tables? I shudder to think of Jesus' action against John

Lindell. And would John Lindell have gone up on stage telling Jesus He was "out-of-line?"

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I would also like to address John Lindell's reference to Matthew 18. Matt 18 begins with two people. John Lindell's sin was seen by thousands. Peter called Ananias and Sapphira out in public. Paul called Peter out in public. And what about Paul's damning chapter in 1st Cor 5???? Read it and find out what judgment is like if you are a believer and sin! Public sin is to be dealt with publicly. Say what you will about Mark Driscoll, he did NOTHING but call sin, SIN!, that Saturday morning.

"Unity, in Christ, Through The Holy Spirit."

Unity is the word best describing the ladder of interactions applicable in the walk of Christians. Each step in this walk requires accountability and obediance to The Word. Through this conduct we are able to

appreciate and affirm the love and forgiveness sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This deductive reasoning is applied to ourself, other followers and The Holy Spirit.

1Peter 3:8 teaches us our conduct in unity within ourselves. Our conduct is to demonstrate how we are to be in

love, compassion and humbleness. Futhermore, in 1Corinthians 1:10 we are commanded to be in unity with one

another with the same conduct of love, compassion and humbleness. Love always trusts 1Corinthians 13:7 and love always respects Romans 12:10. Thereby, commanding us to love is also commanding us to be in trust and

respect with one another. Finally, this unity promogates to our peaceful obedience to The Holy Spirit as written in The Book of Ephesians 4:3.

Given these understandings of accountability and obligations of obediance what are our parameters of Trust and

Respect to be in the unity of love with one another? Trust and Respect is commanded of us in Matthew 22:34-40.

In the unity of loving one another as our selves we are commanded to trust another Believer until such time it is

proven otherwise. Then we we should forgive without forgetting. In the unity, loving one another we should be respectful as good stewards of example giving testimony of charity, Holy Spirit, in faith and in actions of purity.

However, another Believer not abiding such love is not in unity and not in Trust, Therefore, a Believer is outside the parameters of love and unity. We should be guarded towards a Christian not in love as one (unity). We are of

course, forgiving but not forgetting the danger of the trangression.

Moreover, we should show respect and trust to others by our testimony of charity, of spirituality, of faith and in our actions of purity. Those who do not are not in the unity of love, compasion and forgiveness for one another

and should be avoided. While we can forgive as previously stated, we also must recognize the absence of

repententance. The relationship of Christians remains broken under these circumstances until the unity of love.

trust and respect is fully restored. The repentance of any such fellow Believer is a primary measurement. Without oneness described in Matthew 22:34-38 the love of Jesus Christ and his last prayer of unity John 17 is not affirmed Acts Ministry, Inc. and its Divisions & Units
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