WILT THOU GO WITH THIS MAN?

GENESIS 24:54

54 ¶ And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

GENESIS 24:55

55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

GENESIS 24:56

56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

GENESIS 24:57

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

GENESIS 24:58

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

POSSESSING.THE.ENEMY'S.GATES_ JEFF.IN V-11 N-6 SUNDAY_ 59-1108

12 And Rebekah, which was to be the mother of this noted, promised, waited son, when she was called to the final test of a strange man that she had never seen before, only she seen the working of the Holy Spirit... And when her parents could not fully decide whether she should go with this stranger or not to be the wife of a man that she had never seen, she was brought to the final test. "We'll get the damsel and let her speak. We'll hear from her mouth whether she will go, yes or no."

That's the way it's brought to all the seed of God. It's got to be your mouth. God wants to hear from you.

So when she was put to the test, she never hesitated a minute. She said, "I will go." I like that. Not, "Let me make up my mind,

let me study it over." She was fully persuaded. That's the people that God can use, when you're fully persuaded that God will keep His promise. Said, "I'll go."

<u>CULT:</u> Cults are <u>social groups</u> which have unusual, and often extreme, <u>religious</u>, <u>spiritual</u>, or <u>philosophical</u> beliefs and <u>rituals</u>.

ACCORDING TO THE <u>CULT EDUCATION INSTITUTE</u>, THERE ARE SPECIFIC WARNING SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR WHEN CONSIDERING WHETHER A GROUP MIGHT BE A CULT. CULTS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY:

ABSOLUTE AUTHORITARIANISM WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2_ JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0922 282.......There is no one above the elder. I have nothing to do with what Brother Neville does here. That's up to you and Brother Neville. If Brother Neville wanted to preach Jehovah Witness doctrine, that's up to him and you. See? If he wanted to preach anything he wanted to, that's between you and him. That's all. If the congregation votes for him in there, to preach that, that's all right. That's up to him.

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2_ JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0922 283 The only thing that I do, just is owning the property. And if something another comes by, that it's like moving the pastor, and they want to take a vote on that, you couldn't ask a deacon to do that. You'd come ask me. I'd come down, say, "If you want to move the pastor, tell me why. Has he done anything?"

- 284 "Yes. We caught him, drunk. Or, we caught him doing this, or doing something wasn't right."
- 285 "Have you got three witness of it?"
- 286 "Yes. We have."
- Them witness must first be tried. "Don't receive an accusation against an elder 'less it be by two or three witness, and let them first be proved; against an elder." Then you have to swear to it, that you saw it; and prove it, that you saw it.
- 288 And then, if you did, then that sin is rebuked openly, that, "It's wrong." Then say, "Congregation, do you want to change your pastor?"
- HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2_ JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0922 289 And if the congregation votes, "Forgive him, and let him go on yet," **that's the way it has to stand. See?** That, isn't that fair enough the way to run a church? That's what the Bible said. We have no bishops and overseers, and boards and so forth, moves this one in and got a lot of authority. There's nobody got authority here but the Holy Ghost. That's right. He does the moving. **And we take Him as the majority of the people, the way the people go.**
- 290 And then if one side wants to do this, and the other side wants to do that, and the side wins. The losing side, what do they do about it? **Join right in with the rest of them, say, "We were wrong, then.** We'll go right on, 'cause the Holy Ghost has made that choice." See? That's exactly right.
- HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2_ JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0922 291 Like Democrats and Republicans, as long as we stand as a democracy, as Americans. If the Democrats is in, the Republicans should push right on with them; Republicans in, the Democrat push on. See? That's just exactly what makes us a nation. Whenever we break that, we break our democracy. That's right. Democrats say, "I ain't going to do nothing; Republicans was in." Then we fall. I'm a Kentuckian: together we stand, and divided we fall.

AUTHORITARIAN CONTROL: CULTISM HINGES ON ENCOURAGING MAXIMUM DEPENDENCY.

A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE_ JEFF.IN V-11 N-1 SUNDAY_ 59-0712 54......Frankly, myself, when they spoke of new tabernacle to me, **I was against the thought.** That's right. I said, "We don't need exactly a new tabernacle. I'll probably be leaving here pretty soon as the Lord if it--what He showed me comes to pass. What do we need with a new tabernacle? We haven't got the money."

A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE_ JEFF.IN V-11 N-1 SUNDAY_ 59-0712 56 Then I come down and felt the feeling of the church, that the church in the majority seemed to want it. **Then what did I do? I sacrificed my own thoughts and throwed in with the church.** Sure, let's do it, if that's the way we cast lots. That's the way it was in the Bible time, the way the church voted. The--the sovereignty, the groups of the people they come together. In unity there's strength. So therefore I said, "Certainly, if that's the way the church wants, **if that's what God is wanting, He's got more of authority to vote amongst a whole group of people than He has to me, because I have no vision to say that it shouldn't be.** So we throw in with the church, and move with the church. And I'm behind it to do all that I can (See?), to help out the church.

A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE_ JEFF.IN V-11 N-1 SUNDAY_ 59-0712 57 That should be the motive of every Christian and every person in the church is for to unify ourselves and stick together. Whatever the church votes for, that's what we should stand for. Then say, for instance, they want to change something in the church. Well then, if the trustees wants to, or somebody else wants to, the deacons, they want to change something, that comes before the church, the church then

together... And if our--if our idea here seems to be a little different than what the whole church does, let's sacrifice that idea, because that's the only way we can stand united. And if this church will just go on the way you're going now, and be united together, God will... It's unlimited what He'll do if we'll stick together. We must stick together. That's how we want to be, so complete with one another, and then so complete in the hands of God.

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2_ JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0922 By the way, while I'm speaking; somebody, in around 276 this country somewhere, is guilty of writing some cards, to move Brother Neville out of this pulpit. You're going to have to settle that with me. Uh-huh. That's right. Uh-huh. Yes, indeed. Now, I want you... Said the dea... something about the deacon board. The deacon board has not one thing to do with that pastor. No, sir. The congregation, in full, has all the authority. It isn't... A deacon board is just the policemen here in this church, just to keep order and so forth. But when it comes to rules, the whole church has to say so. This church is built upon the sovereignty of the local church. Therefore, I have nothing to say in moving this pastor, or putting one in. I own the property; it's given to the church. You all are the church. You people are the one who control. You're the church, vourself. And the Church, the holy Church of God is the sovereignty, of the Holy Spirit in that Church. And the only thing I do is own the property, give it over to this church, as give it over for a church, and it's tax free. And the church elects their own pastors. I have nothing to do with it. And the only way this pastor could ever leave, would be the pastor decide himself to go, or the majority of the votes of the church would have to say, "Change the pastor." That's the only way. No deacon board can do it. The deacon board only keeps order and things in the church.

The trustees, they have nothing to do with it, only repair the church. And they can't do it until there's a... The whole trustee board meets and says, "We'll build this, or we'll do that."

Then they have to ask the treasurer if they got the money to do it. Yes, sir.

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2_ JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0922 281 Therefore, no one person has nothing to do in this. It's the majority of the people. Yes, sir. If twenty votes for him, and twenty-one votes against him, he goes; or, vice versa. See? That is, it's the sovereignty of the local church and, then, each one of the members has a say-so in the church. Anything goes on, wrong, then they can come right around, and the only thing they have to do is to be before God that they are absolutely see that nothing hinders the moving of the church.

GENESIS 24:58

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? **And she said, I will go.**

I PETER 1:7

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

I PETER 1:8

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

THE.TIME.OF.DECISION_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY_ 59-0611 E-31 And then there was another great decision had to be made. Then after she was given, then the parents said, "Well, I would... Just let her stay around about ten days." Let her hang around the revival to really feel whether she has decided to do it or not. I haven't got much confidence in a person make a decision to wait even until tomorrow.

BUT THE MESSAGE HAD STIRRED REBEKAH. SHE WAS SATISFIED THE MESSAGE WAS FROM GOD.

So the parents said, "Oh, let her stick around awhile. She'll get over it. It's just a little excitement. She was over to that revival, you know, and..."

But, oh, Then the--the true servant said, "Don't--don't weary us. Don't hinder me." A lot of the servants of God has been hindered by put-off decisions. "Don't hinder me, seeing that the Lord has sent me, seeing that he's been good to me. Don't hinder me."

Then they said, "Let her make her own decision." That's where you stand tonight. Make your own decision.

Then they called Rebekah and said, "Will you go with this man, or do you want to stay around a little while to see whether you really want to do it."

She said, "I will go." She was ready. Her decision was quickly made. She knowed there'd Something been leading her.......

GENESIS 24:59

59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

GENESIS 24:60

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

GENESIS 24:61

61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, **and followed the man:** and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Feeling sorry for yourself can be self destructive. It makes overcoming adversity difficult if not impossible and it keeps you stuck.

"Bad things do happen; how I respond to them defines my character and the quality of my life.

I can choose to sit in perpetual sadness, immobilized by the gravity of my loss, or I can choose to rise from the pain and treasure the most precious gift I have—life itself." Walter Anderson

Some of us experience more adversity and painful events in our lives than others. We wonder why our difficulties don't happen to the "bad" people out there instead of us.

SELF-PITY IS A CHOICE

When we fall into the depression of self-pity, we allow it to take control of our lives. We become completely self-absorbed.

It is destructive to dwell on negative events and carry that bitterness and resentment forward. When we keep our focus on the hurt, we aren't focused on taking control of our lives.

We whine and feel sorry for ourselves. We can choose to spread our misery, or we can choose to rise above our circumstances.

Self-pity is a form of selfishness. It makes us less aware of the needs and suffering of others. Our own suffering is all we think or care about in our self-absorbed state. You can choose to lift yourself up and enjoy life! You are in charge of your own happiness. It is your personal responsibility.

STRAINED RELATIONSHIPS

Constant self-pity can push others away, as it may come across as seeking validation rather than problem-solving.

Research on social interactions suggests that individuals who frequently express self-pity may struggle to build strong relationships due to perceived negativity.

Over time, this can lead to social isolation, feelings of loneliness and distress.

ADVICE FROM THE PROFESSIONALS

So go ahead and cry and mope and feel sorry for yourself and stay in bed all day. Feel the pain and the hurt. Live your reality and misery. It's okay and even healthy to do that. But then let it go!

Don't let it consume your life. You are not alone or unloved. Remember there are other people in your life who need you.

There are people you haven't even met yet who need you! You can't help anyone else if you only see yourself.

You cannot change the past, but you can change your future.