

Message 2:

Wild

Q: How do you move from surviving to thriving?

A: Choices

Choose the <u>direction</u> of your life. Direction determines destination. Proverbs 3:5-7

Choose to have a <u>teachable</u> spirit! Matthew 7:24 -25

Choose who you will be. Joshua 24:15, 1 Kings 18:21, Philippians 3:12 - 21

Choose in advance how you will make decisions

God's Decision Cycle

SCRIPTURE,

WISE COUNSEL

INNER PROMPTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Choose to face the wild $\underline{\text{together}}$. Hebrews 10:24-25, Romans 15:14

Next Steps

Use these notes to turn a message into a conversation. Join with one person or many and continue to grow.

1. Changing life from surviving to thriving flows out of the choices we make and good decisions flow out of continually checking three major components – *Scripture, wise counsel, and the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit.* Below are some verses that shed additional light on each of these components. Read each one and then jot down your insights.

Scripture: Psalm 119:9-11; 59-61; 97-105, Proverbs 2

Wise Counsel: Proverbs 15:222 Chronicles 10:1-11, Romans 15:14

<u>The Inner Promptings of the Holy Spirit</u>: Acts 16:6-10 Acts 20:22-23 John 16:12-14

Based on the insights from this week's message and Scriptures, how would you handle situations (decisions) differently in the future?

Going Deeper.

3. Solomon was the wisest man of his day, yet even he made some really bad decisions. A summary of Solomon's bad decisions can be found in 1 Kings 11:1-13. Read this passage and then answer the following questions: What were the bad decisions that Solomon made? What were the consequences of those decisions? Which of the components of the Decision Cycle did Solomon ignore?

Questions to ask when facing decisions you can't find answers to in the Bible, or you don't seem to be getting clear direction about from the Holy Spirit, or your experience from the circumstances of life aren't helping you, or Godly counsel is indecisive:

- a. Will it be spiritual profitable or unprofitable?
- b. Will it build me up spiritually? I Corinthians 10:23, I Corinthians 12:19
- Will it bring me into bondage in some way?
 Figuratively speaking will it put me in jail?
 I Corinthians 6