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AFTER GREAT VICTORY...

- The temptation to slip can show up in subtle compromises.
  - And at first glance it appears to be no big deal.
- Until we filter it thru the pages of the past.
  - The Bible is saturated with the experiences of others...
    - Both good & bad!
      - God gives us insights for a healthy faith.

IN THE DAYS OF JOSHUA...

- The people inherited the blessing (the promised land).
  - But they began to compromise.
    - And a time of recommitting was needed.

**IDEA #1 – GOOD CHOICES**

(Joshua 24:14-15) NLT

- Back drop to this scene comes out of (Judges 2:1-9)
- While God was faithful... the people turned back in their hearts.
  - So Joshua was encouraging *a once for all decision*.
    - Their culture had all kinds of alternatives – polytheistic.

THE PEOPLE ANSWERED... (Joshua 24:16-18) NLT

**FOUR TRUTHS RECALLED:**

1. Rescued us (v.17)
2. Performed miracles before us (v.17)
3. Preserved us (v.17)
4. Drove out our enemies before us (v.18)

RE-CALLING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS...

- Helps us to see straight & walk in truth (consecrated).

However, leaving God's way means returning to slavery.

- (Deut. 28:47-48) NLT

Joshua 24:14-15  
“Re-Discovering A Healthy Faith”

**IDEA #2 – GOOD HABITS**

AS WE RE-DISCOVER A HEALTHY FAITH...

- Let's turn to (Rev. 2:4-5) NLT...
  - To see how Jesus directs the steps of His church.

THIS IS AN AMAZING CHURCH!

(Eph. 1:1b) NLT

*“I am writing to God’s holy people in Ephesus,  
who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus.”*

BUT JESUS SAYS... (Rev. 2:4) NKJV

- *“I have this against you... you have left your first love”*
  - This verse describes emotion & motion.

1. Neglect = Forgetting the habit, pattern, or discipline.

2. Abandon = Loss of priority & loss of effort

3. Desert = Stepping away from a serious commitment...  
because of a lack of interest

(v.5) *“lampstand”*

\*It hit me this week what this means...

- Illuminate
- Influence
  - Not salvation... but blessing!

WHEN OUR HEART GETS HARD...

- We yield to the flesh and NOT the Spirit.
  - We need Godly help.

(Heb. 12:12-13) NLT

- cp NKJV
  - *strengthen* = Restore ruins
  - *hang down* = Relaxed / weakened / exhausted

Joshua 24:14-15

*“Re-Discovering A Healthy Faith”*

- *feeble knees* = Paralyzed by a stroke

(Gal. 6:1) NKJV

- *Restore* = Set a broken bone or dislocated limb (bring relief).

**IDEA #3 – GOOD COUNSEL**

SOLOMON...

- After taking great strides of faith for Israel...
  - He became bored AND tried to fill his life
    - With *passing pleasures*:
      - *Wisdom*
      - *Pleasure*
      - *Riches*
      - *Laughter*
      - *Folly* = lacking good sense

WHEN A BELIEVER LOSES THE CONSCIENCENESS OF GOD...

- That person will seek high and low...
  - For something to jump start the heart.
    - Filling up on things that DON'T support a healthy life.

NOW, IF YOU CAN RECEIVE IT...

- Solomon gives *Good Counsel* by pointing out...
  - The source of satisfaction – (Ecc. 12:11-14) NKJV

IN THE HALLS OF FAITH... (Heb. 11:25) NKJV

- Moses (another wealthy guy raised on a silver spoon)...
  - Says it's better to choose *the way of faith*...
    - Rather than *passing pleasure*.

***~ IN CLOSING ~***

(Hosea 14:1-9) NLT

- (v.2) Confess & repent
- (v.4) The healing of God has no limits
- (v.9) Using spiritual wisdom to “Re-Discover A Healthy Faith.”