

A HOUSE THAT GRACE BUILT

Chapter 18: Outer Boundaries

GATE OF OUR HEART

From here on out, what we let in and what we keep out determines our destiny. This isn't a random act of circumstances, but it falls under the authority of our choice maker (our will). When we submit our will to the Father's will, it doesn't mean we are paralyzed by overanalyzing our every move. We are submitted to the willingness to let Him reveal, correct, redirect, reign and rule our life choices. We do our best, and then we walk it out. We must not assume we make the best choices. We are prone to deceit. We must not fear making the wrong choices. God's love will lead us away from darkness. This is why we must maintain connection, honesty, integrity and a pure heart.

OUTER GATES

- Our will is our choice maker – it is the first thing that determines every thought, feeling and decision we will make. Everything is filtered through our choices.
- Choices are where we maintain freedom, or where we slip into bondage.
- Who or what dictates our choices influences our life direction.
- Choices are not cut and dry, black and white. Sometimes there is more than one “good decision.”

DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

- God's choices align with His truth (the written Word)- filter all our life choices through God's revealed truth.
- God's choices will lead us into peace- when we don't' where to go, we will need to follow peace.
- God's choices will love people, but hate evil – We can neither discount the needs of other people, nor can we condone.

DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

- When we are obedient, many choices we are free to make on our own – our freedom is the ability to fill in the areas of grey. To color our world with our own choices, our freedom to create, our freedom to align our personality, preferences and lifestyle to our choices.
- God's choices care about everyone involved – we always impact others. If we act disrespectfully to fulfill a personal agenda, we may find freedom to act, but we may leave a pathway of carnage. Don't make the mistake of becoming the perpetrator.
- God's choices allow us to mature. Right and wrong, life is full both success and failure. Failure is as much a teaching tool as success. Don't let success fool you into thinking you have it all together. Don't let failure fool you into believing you have nothing together.

GOD'S LEADING

- He is in control – He possess the knowledge that we don't. He is the information carrier of our future.
- He gives us choices – God places our destiny back to us through the power of choice. We are asked to make choices through revealed knowledge and known truth.
- Eternity's course – God's ways are not our ways
- God does miraculous things – but mostly works in practical and mundane ways.
- Honor, not ambition, is the drive our purpose and destiny. Never forget where you've been, who God is in the darkest places, and the love He has for everyone involved.

A CITY CONQUERED

- He owns us inside-out
- He is in charge
- We are free
- We are protected ongoing through His resources
- We are carriers of hope to those around us