

Difficult Decisions

Richard Bach, an American writer, once said, "Some choices we live not only once but a thousand times over, remembering them for the rest of our lives." It is easy to first approach this quote with a negative interpretation by considering the ramifications of poor decisions. However, the reality is that it works both ways. The good choices we make in our lives can also be remembered throughout our lives.

Our state in life is impacted in part by our circumstances, but more importantly by the decisions we make. Our life ultimately is a combination of the choices we make every day. This is why values are important. They are a guiding compass in the decisions we make each day and define who we become as a person.

Each person will encounter tough choices in life. Some of these choices are made at crossroads. However, if your values and principles guide your decisions, there often really is only one path to follow. That is the funny thing about values. If you stick to them, they not only make choices easier, but also eliminate choices that don't need to exist.

When David was rescued from his enemies, he sang a song of praise recorded in 2 Samuel 22. Throughout his life he was confronted with many difficult decisions. However, he made his decisions based upon a single principle of doing what was right in the eyes of God. These decisions protected him throughout his life. It didn't mean that life was not difficult, but it did provide clarity in the midst of stress and anxiety.

We have talked with many couples that talk about the difficult decisions they are facing. Our advice is to make a decision based on your guiding values and principles. But first make sure that your values and principles align with the way of God, which is perfect. That leaves little choice.

Blessings,

Brian and Trudy

God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

- 2 Samuel 22:31