

Hello again from Quarantine! : This is Holy week. The time leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It's important that we take a look inwardly.

I am reminded this morning of just how blessed we are here in America. I have been sitting here thinking about all of the options that we have. We don't just have one superstore, we have three or four competing for our business on the same street. We don't just have one grocery, but several. We don't have just one gas station. We have choices. What a blessing choices are right. If we get hungry, we have options. From Taco Bell, to Scramblers, to Olive Garden, we have tons of options. How many pairs of shoes do you own? How many outfits do you have? Seriously think about it today. What will you do? Play Golf, tennis, do you have a tv? How many movies do you own? How many are right at your fingertips? How many tv shows have you watched just this year? How many have you binged in quarantine? Options ...... And lots of them. How easy it would be in the midst of all of those options to lose focus?

That's where my mind is this morning. Have our options blurred our vision. What do we fill our schedules with. In the midst of all these options there are our needs, there are those things that should be priority. How we handle our options is vital. What we choose can not only effect us, but everyone around us. With more options, truly comes more responsibility, and even with that a need for more self discipline.

They have put lab rats in a cage with an option of a drug or food, and the rat has chosen the drug over the food. Given the option, they used until they died, rather than eating what they needed. Our devotion reminds us ...... "... if any man sin, we have an advocate" – we also know from our word that "all have sinned and fall short". God knew our need. He saw our brokenness and He provided a remedy. But with that remedy He left us with a choice. We have an abundance don't we. Even the poor have options. What do we prioritize? It's so easy with so many options to fill our days with lots of good things. But are we looking as we should to our needs? Do we just see salvation as an experience and not a daily walk? Is our Spiritual relationship tended to in a 5 minute devotion and then we dive into the options of life? So many people are drowning in the ocean of choices, with a life preserver near by. Jesus ...... our intercessor. He is the remedy, and it's a remedy that we must choose. The benefits can only be enjoyed by choosing Him, choosing to follow Him, choosing to set His ways as a priority. Choosing Him over the many other options that may be trying to occupy His time, His place in your life. The truth is with everyone of us facing eternity, is Jesus really just an option? I am reminded of the question that was asked "choose today whom you will serve". We do don't we? Each day, we choose who we will serve.

Don't let all of the options distract you. Use this time of Quarantine, to re-prioritize your life. Praise the Lord for the options. But OH my goodness .... Lets shout from the roof tops for a sound mind ..... with enough God given sense to CHOOSE Him. God help us find you in the Ocean of choices. Help us focus on you, and help us to set you as a priority.

April 6

He ever liveth to make intercession.

Who is he that condemneth? it is Christ that died ... who also maketh inter-cession for us. — Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. — There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Seeing ... that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. — Through him we ... have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

HEB. 7:25. Rom. 8:34. -Heb. 9:24. I John 2:1. -I Tim. 2:5. Heb. 4:14-16. -Eph. 2:18.