

“How To Make The Right Decision”

Acts 24:22-27

Have you ever been faced with a decision and you just couldn't make up your mind? Have you ever been where people were depending on you and you had to decide and you really didn't know which decision to make? How about having to choose between two equally important or two equally beneficial choices? How did you come to the right decision? What criteria did you use to achieve the right answer? Was it the right answer? Did you make the right choice? How do you know you did? All of these questions were facing Felix when the Apostle Paul talked to him about his spiritual condition.

Felix could not decide what to do with Paul or Jesus. You may not be facing the same questions Felix faced, but the principle is the same. You must decide for yourself what the facts are, what your feelings are, and how strong your faith is.

- a. FACTS – vs. 22
 - b. FAITH – vs. 24
 - c. FEELINGS – vs. 27
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- 1. Vs. 22 - Be SERIOUS about the facts. Facts represent the truth. The facts for Felix were:
 - a. All have sinned – Rom 3:23
 - b. God is Love, and God loves sinners – Rom 5:8
 - c. Sins penalty is death – Rom 6:23
 - d. Jesus saves – John 3:16
 - e. You can be saved – today is the day – 2 Cor 6:2
 - f. Saved people can drift away from God – Heb 12:1-2

2. Vs. 24 - Be SURE about your faith.
 - a. For by Grace are you saved – Eph 2:8-9
 - b. We can know we are saved – 1 John 5:13
 - c. We are forever saved – John 10:27-29

3. Vs. 27 - Be SENSIBLE about your feelings.
 - a. Feelings vacillate – Acts 26:28 - you seldom feel the same ALL the time
 - b. Health affects feelings – when you are health, you feel good
 - c. Circumstances affect feelings – 2 Sam 12:13-20 - family, friends, work, school, relationships
 - d. Weather affects feelings – Cold, dark, rainy days make you feel gray
 - e. Food affects feelings – Bad pizza can make you cranky

Remember this; You will have the right feeling when you make the right decision. Sometimes we have to “Fake it ‘till we make it”.

Never forget that feelings should always FOLLOW faith, not the other way around.