

# VALLEY OF DECISION

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On 9/10/2020 I heard the Holy Spirit say “MULTITUDES, MULTITUDES IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION”. That word made me think of the time when I was in my own personal “valley of decision”. It all started in 2012 when I was violently assaulted by someone very close to me. At the time I was unsaved and had no idea where to turn for help. So I started seeing a therapist who specialized in trauma and abuse to try to deal with what had happened to me.

Every time I visited her office, I would start crying. One day I barely made it through her office door, when the tears came. I said to her “What on earth is wrong with me? Why am I always crying in your office?” She said “There’s nothing wrong with you. It’s because this place feels safe to you”. I feel there is someone out there who is questioning why they cry so much in the Lord’s presence. That is the reason. He is a place of safety in the storms of life.

She advised me to turn off the radio and the TV and to focus only on uplifting things. Erase all negativity from my life. Only expose myself to positive things and positive people. Take warm soothing baths. Get a massage. So that is what I did. For the next year, I took a break from anything and everything negative and avoided the news like the plague. Now I realize that her advice was straight out of Philippians 4 but at the time all I knew was that as I focused on uplifting things, I was starting to feel better.

By the summer of 2014, I was starting to feel a lot better. So good in fact, that one day I decided I would risk listening to the news again. So I turned on the radio and heard a report about Ebola patients in Africa being transported to America for treatment. I wondered why the US would bring people infected with something that deadly - 90% kill rate - to the extremely populous city of Atlanta. Then I heard another report about ISIS beheading Coptic Jews in the Middle East. Then I heard a report about a man who had kidnapped a teenage girl and set her on fire. Report after report kept coming and they were absolutely horrifying. I began to wonder about all the evil in the world. Had the world always been this evil? Maybe I just couldn’t see it until I took a break from it all. Then I began wondering about God and did He really exist.

Over the next 6 months, I became a news junkie. I wanted to know why all these horrific things were happening. I wanted answers and I wanted things to make sense. I kept coming across more reports of absolute evil that shocked me to my core. I began to feel like I could no longer sit on the fence spiritually, but I needed to make a decision about God. Every day that passed that feeling of urgency to make a decision kept growing inside of me. I knew I wanted nothing to do with all the encroaching evil and I wanted to make sure that I ended up in heaven. But there was just one problem - I knew absolutely nothing about Jesus.

By January of 2015, the urgency to make a decision about God was so strong, that it was all I could think about. But I was clueless how to even get saved. One day in my bedroom, I cried out to God telling him I really wanted to be saved, but I didn't know how. Then I had the thought, maybe I can google it. And that's what I did. I found instructions on the internet and said the sinner's prayer out loud. As soon as I did that, the Lord brought the abortion to my mind and suddenly I was filled with so much grief that I could not contain it. All that emotion that I had stuffed away for almost 20 years suddenly came to the surface. I mourned over that precious baby for 2 days straight telling God how sorry I was for what I had done. By Monday morning, I had to pull myself together because I had to go to work. When I got off work, I came home and cried some more.

A few days later, I got up to get ready for work and turned on the radio. I don't remember the name of the show, but I do remember that Steve Quayle was the guest speaker. Steve said that as he was praying that morning in the shower, God gave him a word to deliver. He said the word was for all the women who have had abortions. The message was "THE LORD SAYS YOUR CHILD FORGIVES YOU."

### *Scriptures*

**JOEL 3:14** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. <sup>9</sup>The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

**JOSHUA 1:8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.