

Call To Battle

Preparing our Hearts to Receive our Heavenly Father's Love

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1. The Christian life is made up of choices.

“I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live. And may love the Lord your God, obey His voice, and cling to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob” Deut. 30:19-20.

2. Believers have choices to make with the teaching they receive.

“The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown” Matthew 4:14-20.

3. Wise godly choices require discernment to know the difference between good and evil.

“...do not give place to the devil” Eph. 4:27.

4. Moment by moment each day the devil is working to deceive you into living a meaningless life apart from God.

“Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil” Eph. 5:15.

5. Our Heavenly Father sent His son to die for us so we can enjoy a fulfilling life in Him, moment by moment each day as we trust Him.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” John 10:10.

6. Receiving our Heavenly Father's love enables us to forgive others.

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity" Col. 3:13,14.

7. Unforgiveness allows the enemy an opening in your life.

"In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." Matt:18: 34.

8. A lack of intimacy with Father keeps our heart searching and settling.

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Cor. 10:5.

9. Our Father God has called us to be rooted and established in His love.

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" Eph. 3:18, 19.

10. Our spiritual promised land is awaiting us. Are you ready for battle?

"The Kingdom of God is violently advancing and violent men lay hold of it" Matt. 11:12.

Dear heavenly Father, we pray that out of Your glorious riches You will strengthen us with power through Your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. We pray that we may be rooted and established in your love. Grant us the power, with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep Your love is. Enable us to know your love that is beyond our mental ability to understand. We pray that you will fill us to the measure of Your fullness. You are able to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine, according to Your power that is at work within us. May You be glorified in Your church throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. *Neil T. Anderson, Freedom in Christ Study Bible