如何在狀況不明的時候 做出正確的決定 How to make the right decision in an ambiguous situation

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教會的事工 The Church's Ministry

- 但保羅和巴拿巴仍在安提阿,和許多別人一同教訓人,傳主的道。But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and preaching with many others also, the word of the Lord.(徒 Acts 15:35)
 - 1. 教導的事工 The ministry of teaching the Word
 - 2. 傳道的事工 The ministry of preaching the Word
 - 3. 和許多人一同做 With many others also

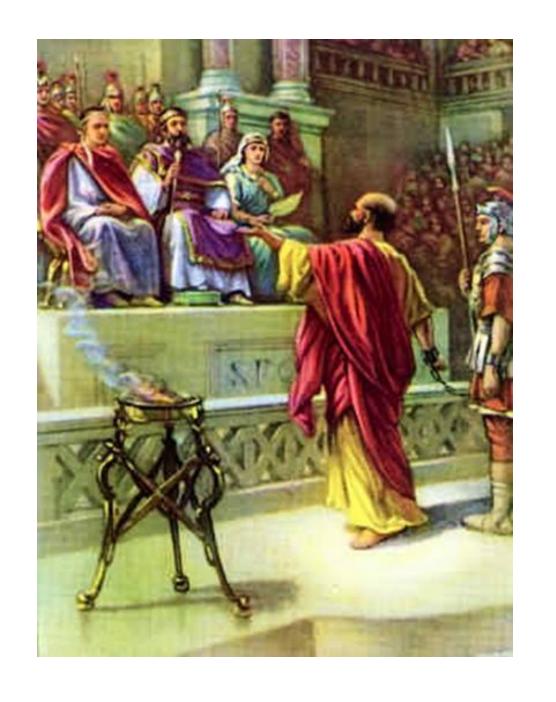
保羅的困境 Paul's dilemma

- 1. 他和多年的同工巴拿巴分手了 He parted way with Barnabas, his coworker for many years.
- 2. 聖靈禁止他在亞西亞講道 The Holy Spirit kept him from preaching in the province of Asia.
- 3. 他想往庇推尼去,耶穌的靈卻不許 He tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow him to.

1. 清楚的人生目標

Clear life goal that gives you general direction in all situations

- 保羅清楚自己要做甚麼 Paul knows what he wants to do
 - 分手之前 Before parting:過了些日子,保羅對巴拿巴說:我們可以回到從前宣傳主道的各城,看望弟兄們景況如何。Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing."
 - <u>分手之後 After parting</u>:他就走遍敘利亞、基利家,堅固眾教會。He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. (徒 Acts 15:36,41)



使徒保羅 Apostle Paul:

亞基帕王啊,我故此沒有 違背那從天上來的異象! So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. (徒 Acts 26:19)



「還活著?」

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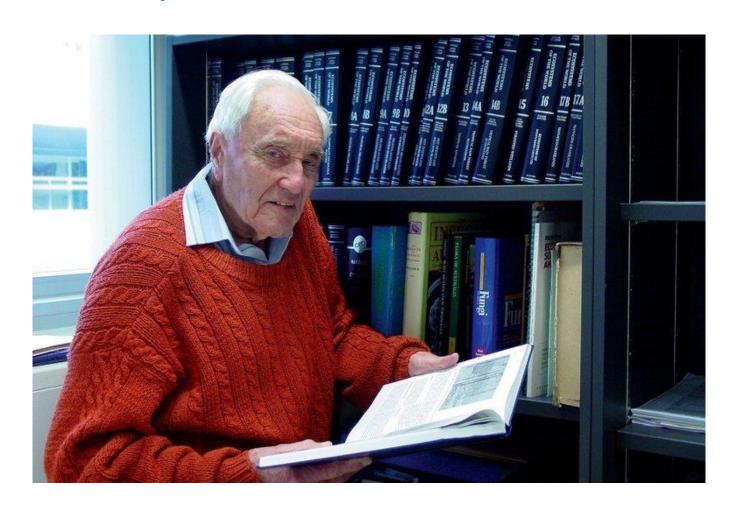
「活著就好,活著就好。」

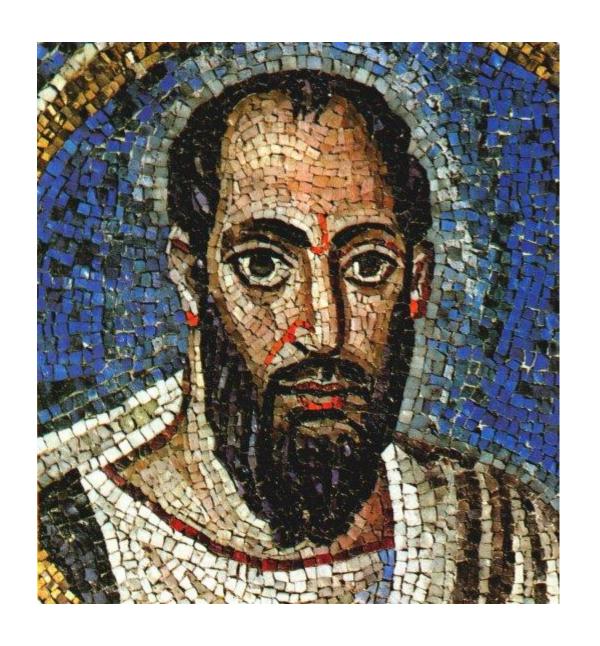
"Still alive?"

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"It's good to be alive. It's good to be alive."

David Goodall, 104, Renowned Australian Scientist, Wants to Die 大衛古德,104歲,著名澳大利亞科學家求死 May 3, 2018 The New York Times





使徒保羅 Apostle Paul:

因我活著就是基督, 我死了就有益處。 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (腓 Phil. 1:21)

2. 活潑的與神關係

Living relationship with God that enables you to discern His guidance

- 保羅能識別神的引導 Paul is able to discern God's guidance
 - 馬其頓呼聲 A Call from Macedonia: 在夜間有異象現與保羅。有一個馬其頓人站著求他說:「請你過到馬其頓來幫助我們。」保羅既看見這異象,我們隨即想要往馬其頓去,以為神召我們傳福音給那裡的人聽。During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. (徒 Acts 16:9-10)

如何保持活潑的與神關係 How to keep a living relationship with God

活潑的與神關係不是藉著偶然的機遇形成,乃是藉著屬靈的紀律形成。A living relationship with God is achieved not through random chances but spiritual disciplines.

- 1. 敬拜神,守安息日為聖 Worship God. Keep the Sabbath holy.
- 2. 研讀並遵行神的話語 Read, study and follow God's Words.
- 3. 與信徒團契,在聖民的社區生活 Fellowship with believers. Live in a holy community.

3. 可應用的原則

Applicable principle that simplifies a complicated situation

- •保羅將條規交給教會遵守 Paul gave rules to churches for them to obey
 - <u>教會越發堅固 Churches are strengthened</u>:他們經過各城,把耶路撒冷使徒和長老所定的條規交給門徒遵守。於是眾教會信心越發堅固,人數天天加增。As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers. (徒 Acts 16:4-5)

基督徒生活的簡單原則 Simple principles for Christian living

- 1. 要信實 Be faithful
- 2. 要有愛心 Be loving
- 3. 總是有盼望 Always hopeful

4. 個人的個性傾向

Personal aptitude that helps you to choose the way best for you

- 保羅和巴拿巴的個性不同,卻有相同的目標 Paul and Barnabas have different aptitude but share a common goal
 - <u>在不同的道路上同工 Co-laboring from different paths</u>: 巴拿巴有意要帶稱呼馬可的約翰同去;但保羅因為馬可從前在旁非利亞離開他們,不和他們同去做工,就以為不可帶他去。Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. (徒 Acts 15:37-38)

你的選擇 Your Choice

- 1. 順服神 Obedient to God
- 2. 順服神所設立的權柄 Obedient to God-ordained authorities
- 3. 選擇個人的道路 Choose your own way

5. 堅固的信念

Firm belief that Jesus loves me, He has a plan for my life

- 先求他的國 Seek Ye first the Kingdom of God
 - 不要憂慮 Do not worry: 所以,不要憂慮說:吃什麼?喝什麼?穿什麼?這都是外邦人所求的,你們需用的這一切東西,你們的天父是知道的。你們要先求他的國和他的義,這些東西都要加給你們了。So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (太 Matt. 6:31-33)



如何成為一位基督徒 How to become a Christian

- Admit 認罪:以謙卑的心,向神承認自己是一個罪人。
 - 因為世人都犯了罪,虧缺了神的榮耀(羅3:23)
- Believe 相信:以信心接受耶穌為主,相信他因救贖你而被 釘死在十字架上。
 - 就是神的義,因信耶穌基督加給一切相信的人,並沒有分別(羅3:22)
- Confess 宣告:決志信主,公開表明自己與基督的關係。
 - 你若口裡認耶穌為主,心裡信神叫他從死裡復活,就必得救。因為人心裡相信,就可以稱義;口裡承認,就可以得救。(羅10:9-10)



決志之後 After you made the decision...

- 1. 接受浸禮,歸入基督的名下
- 2. 將主日分別為聖,敬拜神
- 3. 研讀聖經,使靈命得著餵養
- 4. 過團契生活,彼此相愛