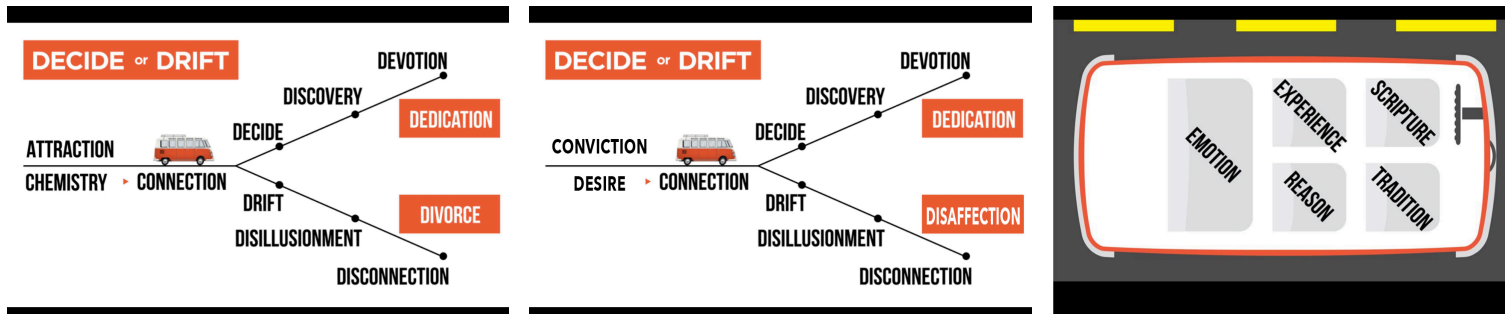


DECIDE OR DRIFT - *Finding satisfaction in our relationship with God (and our marriage).*

- 1) **Marital Satisfaction:** What was natural early on must become intentional later on.
- 2) **Spiritual Satisfaction:** Spiritual satisfaction depends on **factors and skills you can do something about in any season or stage of life.**

Revelation 2:2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.
3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.
4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.



All of the “passengers” on this bus have VOICES that speak to you and influence where you are going.

The passengers can AFFECT the JOURNEY, but the DRIVER (scripture) determines the DESTINATION.

- AVOID or silence the voices in your life that will slow you down or cause you to DRIFT off-course.
- SEEK the voices that will help you stay on track to your destination

DECIDE TO STOP DRIFTING

DECIDE to intentionally do what USED TO BE natural.

DECIDE TO:

REFLECT

Psalm 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
24 Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

RE-COMMIT

1 Kings 8:61 And may you be completely faithful to the Lord our God. May you always obey his decrees and commands, just as you are doing today.”

Acts 2:42 They devoted/committed themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

- HONOR Your Spouse/Honor God

Honor **sees the immense value** of your spouse, created in the image of God.

Honor decides that your spouse is highly valuable, then looks for the evidence to back it up....then takes ACTION to SHOW it rather than just say it.

INVEST in the eternal beings within your marriage....support and build up the eternal beings within it and you will enjoy tremendous marital satisfaction/SPIRITUAL satisfaction.

Genesis 1:27 So God created human beings **in his own image**. In **the image of God** he created them; male and female he created **them**.

- HONOR GOD

Revelation 4:10-11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being"

CONSIDER AND REPENT (Turn)

Revelation 2: 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.

Consider - With all that has happened in my life, how have I changed?

- Where is my relationship now?
- How far have I drifted?
- What do I need to decide and do to get back on course?

Repent (TURN) What do I need to confess and stop?

- Sin
- Apathy
- Laziness
- Worldliness

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What do I need to start **doing again?**

What - that used to be natural - must I, can I, should I do intentionallyto end this drift?

REFUSE TO BE OVERWHELMED or FATALISTIC....by changing the way you think

When you're feeling overwhelmed, your life isn't falling apart—your thoughts are.

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Take a minute to find and clean out all your self-deprecating, negative emotions and thoughts. Stop listening to doom-and-gloom people, talk radio, social media and news media and START listening to God!

- Overwrite your core belief with God's
- Find Out what God says (Bible)
- Get support! - Confess you're sins one to another.....find the strength that comes from others!

DON'T DRIFT.....DECIDE!