CHOOSING THE RIGHT DOORS TO WALK THROUGH

Choices That Change Your Life – Part 4
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[Jesus:] "This is what the One who is holy and true, who holds the key of David, says. When he opens a door, no one can close it. And when he closes it, no one can open it. I know what you do. I have put an open door before you, which no one can close. I know you have little strength, but you have obeyed my teaching and were not afraid to speak my name." – Revelation 3:7-8

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOORS IN YOUR LIFE

- 1. Every door is a decision.
- > Doors are metaphors for the choices we make every day.
- 2. My destiny will be shaped by which doors I <u>walk past</u> and which doors I <u>walk</u> through.

"<u>Today I am giving you a choice</u>. You can choose life and success or death and disaster." – Deuteronomy 30:15 CEV

We must learn to use <u>discernment</u> to know which doors to walk through.

This is my prayer for you: that your love will keep growing more and more, with knowledge and greater discernment, so that you will be able to make the right choices.... – Phil. 1:9-10

- 3. A door may be...
- An opportunity from God

A huge door of opportunity for good work has opened up for me here. – 1 Cor. 16:9 MSG

A distraction from others

...I replied by sending this message to them: "I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come. Why should I stop working to come and meet you?" – Neh. 6:3 NLV

> A trap from Satan

Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are <u>a dangerous trap</u> to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." – Matt. 16:23 NLT

4. If an open door is from God, it will not contradict His Word.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." - Matt. 24:35 NIV

5. Sometimes God shuts a door for my protection.

Then the LORD closed the door behind them. - Gen. 7:16 NLT

6. God will open doors for me if I open doors for others.

Anyone who generously blesses others will be generously blessed. And when you refresh others, you will be refreshed yourself. – Prov. 11:25

I have never turned away a stranger but have opened my doors to everyone. - Job 31:32 NLT

<u>Open your homes to each other</u> and share your food without complaining. God has shown you his grace in many different ways. So be good servants and use whatever gift he has given you in a way that will best serve each other. – 1 Peter 4:9-10 ERV

7. Sometimes God cracks a door for me to give me a glimpse of my future <u>long</u> before I am ready to walk through it.

"But these things I plan <u>won't happen right away</u>. Slowly, steadily, surely, <u>the time approaches</u> <u>when the VISION will be fulfilled</u>. If it seems slow, do not despair, for <u>these things will surely</u> <u>come to pass</u>. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day." – Habakkuk 2:3 LB

Daily Bible Reading Plan:

Feb. 3 – Psalm 17	Feb. 7 – Matt. 28
Feb. 4 – Matt. 25	Feb. 8 – Rom. 1
Feb. 5 – Matt. 26	Feb. 9 – Psalm 18:1-24
Feb. 6 – Matt. 27	Feb. 10 – Psalm 18:25-50