

THE CHOICE BEFORE US

By Greg Laurie

I don't always finish what I begin. Awhile ago I started cleaning my office at home, but didn't quite finish it. It was absolutely transformed, but a few little piles remained. It wasn't long before I noticed those little piles were starting to grow again. I had cleaned my office the wrong way. I needed to completely clean it. I didn't finish what I began.

The apostle Paul, describing what conversion looks like, said that we turn "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God" (Acts 26:18). Yet some people go part of the way, sort of like how I cleaned my office. They say, "I'll follow Jesus, but there are a few little piles I'm keeping to myself." Those little piles turn into big piles, and soon they discover they haven't changed as much as they should have.

What God said to the Israelites is in principle true for us well: "Look, today I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse! You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today. But you will be cursed if you reject the commands of the Lord your God and turn away from Him

and worship gods you have not known before" (Deuteronomy 11:26).

We have that choice before us every day. We can choose the blessing by choosing to follow God, or we can choose the curse by not following Him.

Maybe you are at a point in your life where things aren't making sense. There seem to be a lot of loose ends, a lot of unanswered questions. God always has a plan. He has a beginning, a middle, and an end. **And He always finishes what He begins.**

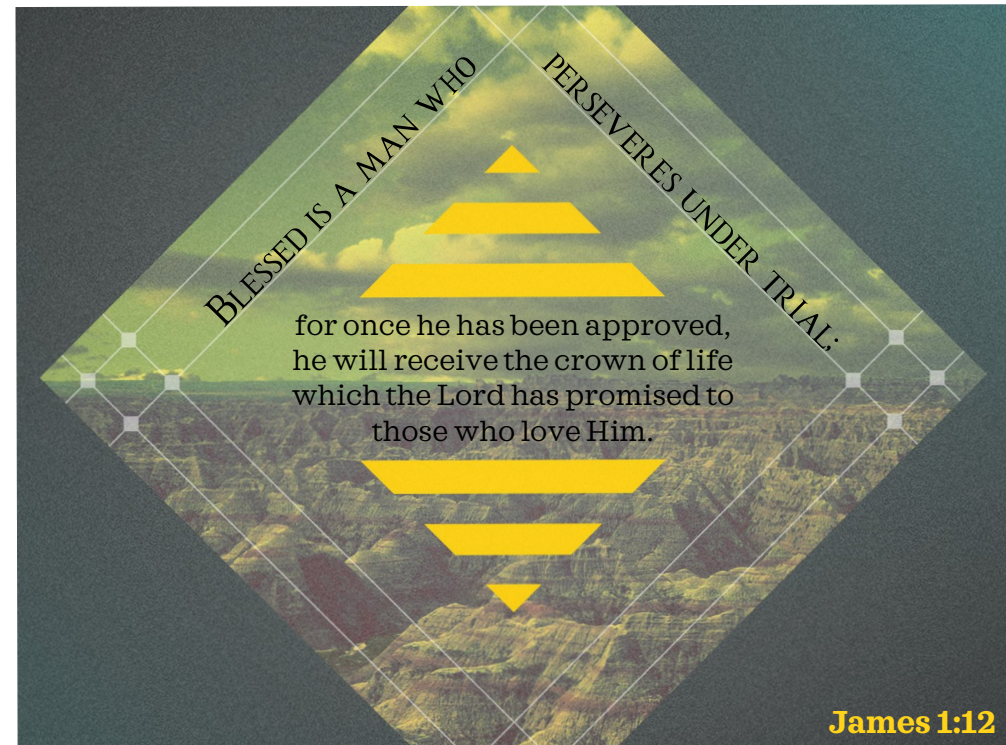
"to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me."

Acts 26:18

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BELEN

Pastor David Guerrero . Pastor Ernest Sanchez

April 11, 2021



Welcome to Church!

If you are a first time visitor, please fill out a "Connect Card" and visit our Connection Desk. We would love an opportunity to get to know you better and encourage you in your spiritual walk, as well as answer any questions! Contact Information for our Pastoral and Office Staff is provided on our website at www.fbcbelen.net, or you may call us at 864-8621.

Deacons Meeting: Today - Following the Worship Service
Ladies Tea Planning Meeting: Today - Following the Worship Service
Young Adults: Join Pastor Ernest & Rebecca - Sundays - 7:00 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study: Tuesday, April 13th - 9:15 a.m. - Faith Building
WMU: Wednesday, April 14th - 5:00 p.m. - Faith Building
Wednesday Night Activities: Come Join Us! Adult Bible Study - Youth - Deaf Fellowship - Bible Study - Children's Ministry - Choir
 Sermon Notes and Children's Bulletins are available at the Connection Center Desk.

Ladies Tea Planning Meeting

If you would like to be involved in helping with this event, please join Stephanie for a brief time **Today** following the Worship Service.

Deacons Meeting

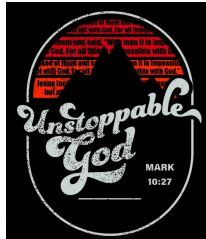
Deacons - please join Pastor David **Today** in the Conference Room following the Worship Service.

MusiCamp is an opportunity for children who have completed grades 2 - 6 learn drama, vocal, dance, puppets & instrumental layers of a musical production. It is a great way to share Jesus with your children!



July 26th - 30th
 @Inlow Baptist
 Camp

- ◆ **Cost: \$200 per camper**
 - ◆ **Full/partial scholarships Appreciated**
- If you would like to help us send our children to camp, please designate **Children's Camp** on your donation. **Thank you** for giving!



Men's Smoke - Off

**Saturday, May 22nd -
 Sunday, May 23rd**
 Behind the MAC
 Bring Your Own Smoker
 The Church will provide
 the meat.
Sign up at the CC Desk.



FBC Belen Ladies Tea

Saturday, May 8th
 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
 In the MAC

Details coming soon.

Church Office Hours

Monday: 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. . Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm . Friday: Closed



It's VBS Time!

Embark with us on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves & dense jungles as we help kids discover that God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold - *it's them!*

Monday, June 21st - Friday, June 25th
 9 a.m. - 12 noon (doors will open at 8:45 a.m.)

If you are interested in joining us on this Adventure, please sign up at the Connection Desk. A *Supplies Needed* List will be available soon. Thank you for all you do!

It is better to
SPEAK THE TRUTH
in love
 that **HURTS** and then
HEALS,
 than
FALSEHOOD that
COMFORTS
 and then **KILLS.**

- Adrian Rogers

Activities for the Week

Sunday - April 11th
 Spanish Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
 Bible Study - 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Deacons Mtg. - following Service
Ladies Tea Planning Mtg.
 following Service
 Young Adults @ the Sanchez'
 home - 7:00 p.m.

Monday - April 12th
Tuesday - April 13th
 Ladies Bible Study - 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday - April 14th
 WMU - 5:00 p.m.
 Deaf Fellowship - 5:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study
 Children's Ministry
 Choir Practice
 Rooted Youth
 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - April 15th
Friday - April 16th
Saturday - April 17th

Deacons of the Week:

LeRoy Vallejos
 Jorge Acosta

Safety Team - April 18th:

Phil Gregory
 Phil Smith
 Jim Hurlburt