

A Call to the Undecided

1 Kings 18:19-39

Illustration: The story of Aron Ralston

Some of you here this morning are undecided for Christ. You're in turmoil over whether to turn your life to Christ or to remain in your sins and die. The decision before you today is no less a decision between life and death than that of Aron Ralston the day he lay in that canyon with a 1000 pound boulder on his arm. You have a decision to sever yourself from the false gods of this world and live or a decision to remain in your sins.

- The Bible tells of a group of Israelites who were spiritually undecided. They had a decision to make and it was a difficult one.
- 1 Kings 18 tells us that for more than three years there was a drought brought in Israel and the situation was desperate. People were starving and animals were dying. The Lord sent Elijah to tell King Ahab to gather all the people at Mount Carmel along with the false prophets. Lets look at it together: Read 1 Kings 18:19-39
- Here we see Elijah calling for a decision from the spiritually undecided. This passage gives us three reasons God calls the undecided to decision.
 1. Because time is running out!!!!
- For three years God was patient, yet His patience was coming to an end. The Lord sent a drought for three years and yet the

people did not repent and turn to the Lord. They were starving and the animals were dying and yet they still did not turn to the Lord again.

- Elijah said to the people, “how long will you waiver between two opinions?” or “how long are you going to try to have it both ways?” The time to decide is now!!
- If the Lord is God then follow him, but if Baal then follow him. We are told that the people did not answer a single word!!
- Every moment that you delay your decision for Christ the seconds are counting down until it is too late. 2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promises, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” Lets look at vs. 10 “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.”
- You may be thinking that you have plenty of time to decide for Christ. I’m young, or I need more time to study and contemplation. As the old country preacher, Vance Havner once said, “You don’t have to understand everything about the Bible and about religion to come to Christ. I don’t understand how these lights work, but I’m not going to set in the dark till I do.”
- Isn’t time that you made a decision for Christ? In spite of fears, God is calling you today before time runs out!!

2. The second reason God calls the undecided to decide is; sincerity alone is not enough!

- Elijah laid down the challenge and the prophets of baal took the bait. They all agreed that the God who answered by fire would be God. The prophets of ball went first.
 - They cried and danced and jumped around with all of their might's but there was no answer.
- With their crying and dancing and cutting themselves with knives as they gushed with blood, they showed how serious and sincere they were, but to no avail. Sincerity alone is not enough.
- You may be very sincere in your indecision this morning. You may be very sincerely looking for the right answer and that is good, but sincerity alone is not enough. There will come a day when there will be a lot of sincere people in hell but it will be too late.

3. The third reason God calls the undecided to decision is; there is only one God who answers!!!

- It's interesting to not in the passage of scripture who did not answer. In vs.21 when Elijah ask the question, "How long will you waiver between two opinions?" they didn't say a single word. We see also that no amount of asking could get Baal to answer.
- However, there is one in this passage that did answer. The Lord responded to Elijah!! He not only answered, but He answered twice. Once by fire and the second time by rain.
- The God who answered expects an answer from the people. How did the people respond? The Bible says that they all fell on their faces and said, "The Lord, He is God, The Lord, He is God."
- Will you answer as these people did or will you remain in your silence and sin?

- God has given us an eternal answer for the problems of humanity through the cross of Jesus Christ. Will you say yes today to Jesus who said yes to the cross? His answer is the only answer. The God who answers expects an answer from you today.
- In closing, if you are undecided for Christ this morning that means that you are at least considering the claims of Christ, but being undecided means you are still lost, still in your sin, and still hell bound without Jesus. Lets bow our heads.