

SV LIFE RECOVERY MEETING NEVERTHELESS: LIMBO January 31, 2023



• 2 Corinthians 1:12-24 ALIGNING GOD'S YES WITH YOUR YES

¹⁷ Was I fickle when I intended to do this? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say both "Yes, yes" and "No, no"? ¹⁸ But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." ²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

GOD'S "YES" TO US

Numbers 23:19 GOD'S YES FOR YOU NEVER CHANGES

¹⁹ God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

Isaiah 55:11 GOD'S YES FOR YOU IS ABOUT HIS PURPOSE FOR YOU

¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

OUR 1ST "YES" IS EASY

• John 3:16 SAYING YES NOT TO GO TO HELL

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

• Psalm 103:2-4 SAYING YES TO THE THINGS THAT BENEFIT US

² Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

OUR SECOND "YES" IS HARD

Romans 12:1 SAYING YES TO SACRIFICING FOR GOD

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship

Philippians 2:3-4 SAYING YES TO PUTTING GOD AND OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

• John 17:17 SAYING YES TO BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS

¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

• Jeremiah 29:11-13 DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO YESES?

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

• Psalm 26:2 HAVE YOU FOLLOWED THROUGH ON YOUR SECOND YES?

² Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;

• Matthew 5:37 ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO DECIDE ON YOUR SECOND YES? ³⁷ But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

• 2 Corinthians 1:20 IT'S TIME TO DECIDE ON YOUR SECOND YES!

²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

IN CLOSING

• Isaiah 6:8 NO MATTER WHAT IT LOOKS OR FEELS LIKE STAY COMMITTED! ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"