

## **“I choose door number...!”**

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There used to be a game show in the 1960's and 1970's called "Let's Make a Deal" with the host Monty Hall. The contestants in the game would wheel and deal with Monty to receive prizes. The highlight of each show was the contestant that won the most prizes had to choose between three curtains or doors. If the contestant chose door #1 and there was a BBQ grill that was his/hers to keep. Then Monty would open one of the other doors and reveal a silly prize like a goat or an amazing prize like a ski boat. Then the contestant would have the choice to either keep the prize they have won or take a chance and trade it for what was behind the last closed door. Behind the door there could be nothing, a brand new car, or a cow with sunglasses. It was up to the contestant to choose.

Many of us live our lives like the "Let's Make a Deal" show. We feel life is a series of doors or chances we wheel and deal with. Some pay off while others fail. We must ask ourselves "Are we really walking in the will of the Lord or are we living by chance?" Chance says, "Whatever happens happens!"

Jesus says in John 10:9, *"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."* Jesus is comparing Himself to the door to a sheep pen. Jesus keeps the sheep safe in the pen when there is danger or He lets the sheep into the pasture where they can roam freely. Jesus is the only door to the sheep pen. Jesus is the only true door in this hour.

Isaiah 22:22 says *"...he shall open, and no one shall shut; and he shall shut, and no one shall open."* Our dilemma is not necessarily what door to choose but to continue to see Jesus as the only true way. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"*. John 14:6. There is no doubt, numerous counterfeit doors and ways in life's journey. We can all attest we have passed through those ways which have led nowhere or to no good. But it is still our choice.

Joshua confronted the people of Israel because of their lack of commitment to the truth. *"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."* Joshua 24:15.

What will it be then? Door #1, door #2, or door # Jesus? Choose Christ in everything you do and He will always come through. God Himself has said, *"I will never leave you nor forsake you."* So we may boldly say: *"The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"* Hebrews 13:5-6.

