

It's Time To Stop Going Around In Circles!

Deuteronomy 2:1-3 (MEV)

1 Then we turned, and set out toward the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and we circled Mount Seir for many days.

2 Then the LORD spoke to me, saying,

3 "You have circled this mountain long enough. Now turn (lit. yourselves) north.

(MSG) Then we turned around and went back into the wilderness following the route to the Red Sea, as GOD had instructed me. We worked our way in and around the hills of Seir for a long, long time. Then GOD said, "You've been going around in circles in these hills long enough; go north.

Wandering = Moving without vision, without passion and without purpose)

2 Tim 3:5 - having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

One of the worst things that can happen to a child of God is to fall into this lifestyle of making allowances for the wrong attitudes and appetites of our flesh, but continuing on just as though we have fully dealt with it!

Gilgal=rolling

Josh. 5:9. Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.

Josh.5:2 - At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again."

Circumcision symbolically represented full devotion to God!

Romans 2:28b - "Circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code."

Don't protect your flesh from the sword of the Spirit!

Josh. 5:8 - And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed.

Only God can make us whole and he does it by delivering us from the flesh!

Tim. 3:7 - always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

Deuteronomy 2:1b - and we circled Mount Seir for many days.

Mount Seir = those things or that thing in your life that you have never reckoned dead on the cross of Calvary!

“Seir” = Rough, uninhabited region or large land area.

Circling the mountain means that every time you experience similar conditions you respond a certain way!

Remorse is not repentance; it's just a cheap, counterfeit substitute for the real thing!

In every situation you have a choice; respond according to the flesh or according to the Word of God!

“You have circled this mountain long enough. Now turn (lit. yourselves) north.”

How do we get passed this life of circling the mountain, or this life of carnal cycles?

We've got to allow the sharp edge of the word of God to have its way in our lives and identify those attitudes and characteristics that are of the flesh, and cut it away = (reckon it crucified)

Gal. 5:24-25 - And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

2 Tim. 2:26 - and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Heb. 2:3 - how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

2 Pet 1:3-4 - His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious

promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

1 Cor. 10:13 - No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

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