

EPISODE 5

RED THREAD

The Choice

WHAT BLOOD WILL YOU CHOOSE?

*This is your Damascus Road moment.
The choice before you is eternal. Choose wisely.*

ESAU'S STEW

Compromise

BABYLON'S CUP

Corruption

JESUS CHRIST

Covenant

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PERSONAL REFLECTION

Where Do You Stand Right Now?

THE MOMENT OF DECISION

After Episodes 1-4, what blood do you think you've been drinking?

Honest self-examination - Check the box that applies:

- ☐ I'm not sure I'm truly saved. I've been religious, but never genuinely born again.
- ☐ I'm saved, but drinking Esau's blood. I've been compromising, claiming grace while living in sin.
- ☐ I'm saved, but drinking Babylon's blood. I've been trusting institutional systems, not Jesus Christ alone.
- ☐ I'm drinking from Jesus Christ's cup. I'm trusting Him alone and walking by the Spirit.
- ☐ I'm stuck on the pendulum. I swing between license and legalism instead of walking the narrow way.

What scares you most about choosing Jesus Christ's blood completely?

What excites you most about choosing Jesus Christ's blood completely?

THE THREE BLOODS - FINAL REVIEW

Let's review what we've learned about each blood. Fill in what you remember:

■ ESAU'S BLOOD: Compromise

What does Esau's blood represent?

Key Scripture: Hebrews 12:16-17

What did Esau trade? _____

What did he receive? _____

How does Esau's blood relate to the 3 Ps?

- Power: _____
- Position: _____
- Provision: _____

■ BABYLON'S BLOOD: Corruption

What does Babylon's blood represent?

Key Scripture: Revelation 17:4-6

What was Babylon drunk with? _____

How does Babylon's blood relate to the 3 Ps?

- Power: _____
- Position: _____
- Provision: _____

† JESUS CHRIST'S BLOOD: Redemption

What does Jesus Christ's blood accomplish?

Key Scripture: Hebrews 9:14

Jesus Christ's blood cleanses us from: _____

So that we may: _____

How does Jesus Christ's blood relate to the 3 Ps?

• Power: _____

• Position: _____

• Provision: _____

THE TRIUNE GOD'S INVITATION

THE FATHER, SON, AND SPIRIT IN YOUR SALVATION

The Father

The Father _____

Scripture: John 3:16

What does this mean for me?

The Son

The Son _____

Scripture: Hebrews 9:12

What does this mean for me?

The Spirit

The Spirit _____

Scripture: Titus 3:5

What does this mean for me?

How does each blood relate to the Trinity?

Esau's blood _____ the Trinity

Babylon's blood _____ the Trinity

Jesus Christ's blood _____ the Trinity

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Am I receiving the WHOLE God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—or am I trying to pick and choose?

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN MY LIFE

The Spirit's Three "S" Works

1. SUMMONING — The Spirit Calls You

Read John 16:8 — What does the Spirit convict the world of?

Is the Spirit convicting me of sin right now?

- ☐ Yes, I feel His conviction about: _____
- ☐ No, I don't sense conviction (Be honest—could you be suppressing Him?)

WARNING:

You can resist the Spirit's summoning. Persistent rejection of His conviction is dangerous.

2. SEALING — The Spirit Secures You

Read Ephesians 1:13-14 — What does it mean to be "sealed" by the Spirit?

Have I been sealed by the Holy Spirit?

- ☐ Yes, I KNOW I'm born again and sealed by the Spirit
- ☐ I hope so, but I'm not sure
- ☐ No, I don't think I've ever been genuinely born again

If you're unsure, what's holding you back from trusting Jesus Christ RIGHT NOW?

3. SUPPLYING — The Spirit Sanctifies You

Read Galatians 5:16-17 — What does it mean to "walk by the Spirit"?

Am I walking by the Spirit or by the flesh?

Rate your current walk (1 = flesh-driven, 10 = Spirit-led):

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

What evidence of the Spirit's fruit do I see in my life? (Galatians 5:22-23)

THE PENDULUM — WHERE AM I?

The Pendulum vs. The Narrow Way

ESAU'S EXTREME

LICENSE

"God's grace covers it"

- Cheap grace
- No repentance
- Worldly living
- Compromise justified

→ HELL

←→
PENDULUM

BABYLON'S EXTREME

LEGALISM

"We must maintain standards"

- Works-based
- Pride in performance
- Judging others
- Institutional loyalty

→ HELL

JESUS CHRIST'S WAY

LIBERTY IN THE SPIRIT

"For freedom Jesus Christ has set us free"

- Grace through faith alone
- Genuine transformation
- Holy living by the Spirit
- Walking the narrow way

→ ETERNAL LIFE

Where am I on this diagram?

- ☐ I'm on the LICENSE side (Esau's extreme)
- ☐ I'm on the LEGALISM side (Babylon's extreme)
- ☐ I'm swinging between both extremes
- ☐ I'm walking the narrow way with Jesus Christ

What will it cost me to get OFF the pendulum?

What will it cost me to STAY on the pendulum?

YOUR DAMASCUS ROAD MOMENT

Acts 9:4-6

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

"CHURCH, CHURCH, WHY ARE YOU PERSECUTING ME?"

When you compromise with Esau, you persecute Jesus Christ. When you corrupt with Babylon, you persecute Jesus Christ. When you swing on the pendulum, you persecute Jesus Christ.

STOP — LOOK — LISTEN — LIVE

STOP — Arrested by the Spirit

The Spirit STOPS you in your tracks. You can't keep going the way you've been going.

What do I need to STOP?

- ☐ Stop defending my compromise
- ☐ Stop building my religious tower
- ☐ Stop swinging on the pendulum
- ☐ Stop pretending I'm okay
- ☐ Stop running from God

What specific behavior/attitude/sin is the Spirit telling me to STOP right now?

LOOK — See Jesus Christ Clearly

Once stopped, you LOOK and see Jesus for who He really is—not who you've made Him to be.

Complete this sentence: When I look at Jesus, I see...

What have I been trusting INSTEAD of Jesus Christ's blood?

- ☐ My works
- ☐ My church membership
- ☐ My religious performance
- ☐ My theological knowledge
- ☐ My family heritage
- ☐ Other: _____

LISTEN — Hear His Voice

Now that you've stopped and looked, you must LISTEN to what Jesus Christ commands. This is the moment of surrender.

What is Jesus saying to me right now?

Circle what you hear the Spirit saying:

- You need genuine salvation, not just religious affiliation
- You need to repent of specific sins
- You need to get off the pendulum
- You need to come out of Babylon's system
- You need to stop compromising like Esau
- You need to surrender ALL to Jesus Christ (Power, Position, Provision)
- Other: _____

LIVE — Walk in New Life

True Damascus Road conversion results in LIVING differently. Not just believing differently—LIVING differently.

If I choose Jesus Christ's blood today, what will change in my life?

List specific, concrete changes:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

When will I start living differently?

☐ **TODAY.** I'm making the choice right now.

☐ I'm not ready yet. (Be honest—why not?) _____

CRITICAL QUESTION:

If you died tonight, on what basis would you expect to enter heaven?

THE GOSPEL IN FOUR TRUTHS

If You Need to Be Saved

If the Spirit is summoning you—if you realize you've never truly been born again—here is the gospel:

TRUTH #1: You Are a Sinner

Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

Write it in your own words: I am a sinner because...

TRUTH #2: Sin Deserves Death

Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death"

What I deserve for my sin:

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TRUTH #3: Jesus Christ Died in Your Place

Romans 5:8

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Jesus Christ died for us"

What Jesus did for me:

TRUTH #4: You Must Repent and Believe

Mark 1:15

"Repent and believe in the gospel"

What repentance means to me:

What faith means to me:

MY DECISION

PRAYER OF SURRENDER

"Father, I confess I am a sinner. I have lived for myself, not for You. I have drunk from Esau's bowl and Babylon's cup. I deserve Your judgment.

But I believe Jesus Christ died for my sins and rose again. I trust in His blood alone for my salvation. I cannot save myself.

I surrender to You now—all my power, position, and provision. I surrender my life completely. Be my Lord, not just my Savior.

Holy Spirit, regenerate me. Seal me. Transform me. I choose Jesus Christ's blood. I step off the pendulum. I walk the narrow way.

I am Yours. Make me new. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Did you pray this prayer in genuine faith?

- ☐ **YES** — I prayed this and meant it. Today I choose Jesus Christ's blood.
- ☐ **YES, FOR THE FIRST TIME** — I've been born again today!
- ☐ **YES, AS RECOMMITMENT** — I'm getting off the pendulum.
- ☐ Not yet. I need more time.

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If you chose Jesus Christ today, sign and date your commitment:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

IF YOU PRAYED THIS PRAYER IN FAITH:

- Tell someone today (Romans 10:9-10)
- Be baptized as soon as possible (Matthew 28:19)
- Find biblical community (Hebrews 10:25)
- Read God's Word daily (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16)

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Jesus Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

DAILY QUESTIONS — LIVING THE CHOICE

Now that you've made your choice, use these four questions DAILY to stay on the narrow way:

Day 1 — Date: _____

1. Is the Father drawing me through His Spirit to His Son today?

2. Do I rest in the Father's guarantee through the Son's blood applied by His Spirit?

3. Am I being conformed to the Son's image by the Spirit for the Father's glory?

4. Am I drinking from Jesus Christ's cup alone, empowered by His Spirit, for the Father's glory?

Day 2 — Date: _____

1. Is the Father drawing me through His Spirit to His Son today?

2. Do I rest in the Father's guarantee through the Son's blood applied by His Spirit?

3. Am I being conformed to the Son's image by the Spirit for the Father's glory?

4. Am I drinking from Jesus Christ's cup alone, empowered by His Spirit, for the Father's glory?

Day 3 — Date: _____

1. Is the Father drawing me through His Spirit to His Son today?

2. Do I rest in the Father's guarantee through the Son's blood applied by His Spirit?

3. Am I being conformed to the Son's image by the Spirit for the Father's glory?

4. Am I drinking from Jesus Christ's cup alone, empowered by His Spirit, for the Father's glory?

Day 4 — Date: _____

1. Is the Father drawing me through His Spirit to His Son today?

2. Do I rest in the Father's guarantee through the Son's blood applied by His Spirit?

3. Am I being conformed to the Son's image by the Spirit for the Father's glory?

4. Am I drinking from Jesus Christ's cup alone, empowered by His Spirit, for the Father's glory?

Day 5 — Date: _____

1. Is the Father drawing me through His Spirit to His Son today?

2. Do I rest in the Father's guarantee through the Son's blood applied by His Spirit?

3. Am I being conformed to the Son's image by the Spirit for the Father's glory?

4. Am I drinking from Jesus Christ's cup alone, empowered by His Spirit, for the Father's glory?

Day 6 — Date: _____

1. Is the Father drawing me through His Spirit to His Son today?

2. Do I rest in the Father's guarantee through the Son's blood applied by His Spirit?

3. Am I being conformed to the Son's image by the Spirit for the Father's glory?

4. Am I drinking from Jesus Christ's cup alone, empowered by His Spirit, for the Father's glory?

Day 7 — Date: _____

1. Is the Father drawing me through His Spirit to His Son today?

2. Do I rest in the Father's guarantee through the Son's blood applied by His Spirit?

3. Am I being conformed to the Son's image by the Spirit for the Father's glory?

4. Am I drinking from Jesus Christ's cup alone, empowered by His Spirit, for the Father's glory?

FINAL REFLECTION — THE RED THREAD COMPLETED

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Jesus Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Jesus Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Looking back on the entire RED Thread series, what has God shown you?

What is the biggest change you need to make after this series?

What will you do THIS WEEK to live out your choice?

Monday: _____

Tuesday: _____

Wednesday: _____

Thursday: _____

Friday: _____

Saturday: _____

Sunday: _____

MY COMMITMENT TO THE NARROW WAY

I choose Jesus Christ's blood. I step off the pendulum. I walk the narrow way.

I die to self. I live to Jesus Christ. I am being transformed.

I commit to walking with Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the glory of the Father.

Name: _____

Date: _____

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THE RED THREAD SERIES

Episode 1: Esau's Blood - The Compromise

Episode 2: Babylon's Blood - The Corruption

Episode 3: Jesus Christ's Blood - The Covenant

Episode 4: The Pendulum Effect

Episode 5: The Choice

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

— **Matthew 7:13-14**