

The Take-Off

I'd like you to remember more, but if you can only remember 3 words, remember these:

CHANGE YOUR DEFAULT

We'll come back to that in the end, just to make sure you understand how it all fits together, but that's the main idea.

Now, hang with me and let's try to unpack what it means for us.

1. What is a default?

This part of the message is brought to you by Webster

“Default” can be a verb that means, basically, “to fail.”

More specifically, it means to fail to repay a loan

But we're going to deal with the noun “default,” which means:

- a. “A particular setting or value for a variable that is assigned automatically by an operating system and remains in effect unless canceled or overridden by the operator.”
- b. “A situation or condition that is obtained in the absence of active intervention.”

2. What is our default?

Man has default beliefs and behaviors

a. Default beliefs

- i. The Grasshopper Syndrome (Numbers 13:33)
- ii. What they believed affected what they could receive
- iii. How they saw themselves affected how they thought others saw them, too

b. Default behaviors

- i. Galatians 5:19-21 (read it from The Message)
- ii. Colossians 3:5, 8 (we studied these last week)
- iii. 1 Corinthians 6:1-6 - selfishness, demanding our rights even at the cost of v. 7
- iv. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

3. Can our default be changed?

Remember the definition of “default?” It remains in effect “unless canceled or overridden by the operator” or “in the absence of active intervention”

Take a peek at 1 Corinthians 6:11

There was an active intervention! We were washed, sanctified, and justified in Christ

a. washed

- i. “apolou”
- ii. “to wash off our away”
- iii. only used twice
- iv. puts to rest the belief that we need to be clean before coming to Jesus

b. sanctified

- i. “hagiazō”
- ii. “to acknowledge”
- iii. to separate from and then turn to

c. justified

- i. “dikaioō”
- ii. “to render righteous or such as he ought to be”
- iii. How ought we be? In right standing with God through Jesus.

The resounding answer to the question “Can our default be changed?” is a resounding yes!

In fact, until it is, Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25 says that our best can't get us past a default switch pointing to death and destruction.

Thankfully, John 14:6 shows another way that leads to life, not death

The default remains in effect unless it is canceled. Colossians 2:14 says Jesus has canceled it!

4. How do we protect the new default?

We go to war and fight for it!

2 Corinthians 10:5 says that the battle for a new default is fought in our minds

a. We demolish

i. Greek is "kathaireo"

ii. "take down, pull down"

iii. used to describe taking Jesus off the cross

iv. it is an action word that comes from the root words for "take" and "choose"

v. the action follows the choice

b. "arguments"

i. The Greek deals with facts, truth, not speculation

ii. Satan's greatest tool against Christians isn't a lie, but rather true statements about their past

c. We take captive

i. Greek means "to lead away captive, to captivate"

ii. more action on our part

iii. what do we capture? Thoughts that try to lead us back to the old default.

The Landing

- The 3 words I want you to remember? CHANGE YOUR DEFAULT
- If you're not a believer, it happens by making the decision to surrender your life to Jesus because until then, your default is set, and Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25 show the end result for you - death.
- If you are a believer, it means that when Jesus reset your default, He awoke an enemy that has only one shot now against you - to clutter your mind with wrong beliefs that lead to wrong actions
- Your best weapon is the first sentence of 1 Cor. 6:11: "And that is what some of you were."
- When Satan fills your mind with true thoughts about your past, you say, "That's what I was. That's not what I am now."
- This isn't a battle for the lazy. There is work involved in changing our defaults. It requires recognizing the thoughts and taking action against them.
- It doesn't happen automatically just because you're a believer, but Jesus gives us the power to wage the war in our minds.
- Best strategy? Fill your mind with God's words. Read the Bible.