

A NUMBER OF MIRACLES ARE ATTRIBUTED TO THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF DEWI SANT BUT IT IS HIS 'FAMOUS LAST WORDS' THAT WE WILL FOCUS ON TODAY...

"Arglwyddi, brodyr, a chwiorydd, Byddwch lawen a chadwch eich ffyd a'ch credd, a gwnewch y petheu bychain a glywsoch ac y welsoch gennyf i."

SOME LAST WORDS OF DEWI SANT: CITED IN EVANS, DANIEL SIMON, ED. (1988). THE WELSH LIFE OF ST. DAVID

"Lords, brothers and sisters, Be joyful, and keep your faith and belief, and do the little things that you have heard and seen from me."

A TRANSLATION OF SOME LAST WORDS OF SAINT DAVID AS CITED IN EVANS, DANIEL SIMON, ED. (1988). THE WELSH LIFE OF ST. DAVID

"BE JOYFUL, KEEP THE FAITH, AND DO THE LITTLE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE HEARD AND SEEN ME DO" IS A WELL-KNOWN QUOTE ATTRIBUTED TO SAINT DAFFYDD

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THE LORD MIGHT DO TREMENDOUS MIRACLES IN, THROUGH OR FOR US, BUT WHAT HE WANTS US TO DO IN, THROUGH AND FOR HIM IS TO BE FAITHFUL

GOD SEES DIFFERENTLY

Where we are impressed by opulence and charisma, God is interested in the obedience and character

Whilst we are often seeking God in the miraculous, God is often speaking to us in the mundane

When we are looking at headlines, God is looking at hearts

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'

BRENIN DEWI: GOD'S DEWIS!

As we read about the life of King David, we often forget that he was the last choice, even of those closest to him

Why did God's choose David to be king?

Because he had a heart after God - in shepherding, he was faithful to The Lord with what he had been entrusted to Him

BE FAITHFUL WITH LITTLE OR MUCH

You may feel overlooked or unimportant in life, family, church, work and so on...

Don't get fed up wanting what you don't have, get faithful with what you do have

Serve God with your time, money and 'talents' and you will be rewarded - in this life and/or in eternity

23 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

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It is in the loving nature of God to be faithful and it is clear from scripture that this is what he longs for from us

Occasionally this is lived out in a remarkable grand expressions of bold faith and obedience

Consistently it is to be lived out in a daily choice (dewis dyddiol) of faith and obedience

DOTHELITTLETHINGS

You may not feel that the little things you do make a big difference - but they do in God's 'economy'

God sees and knows everything and all we think, say and do matters to Him - its not just in His name, it is for Him

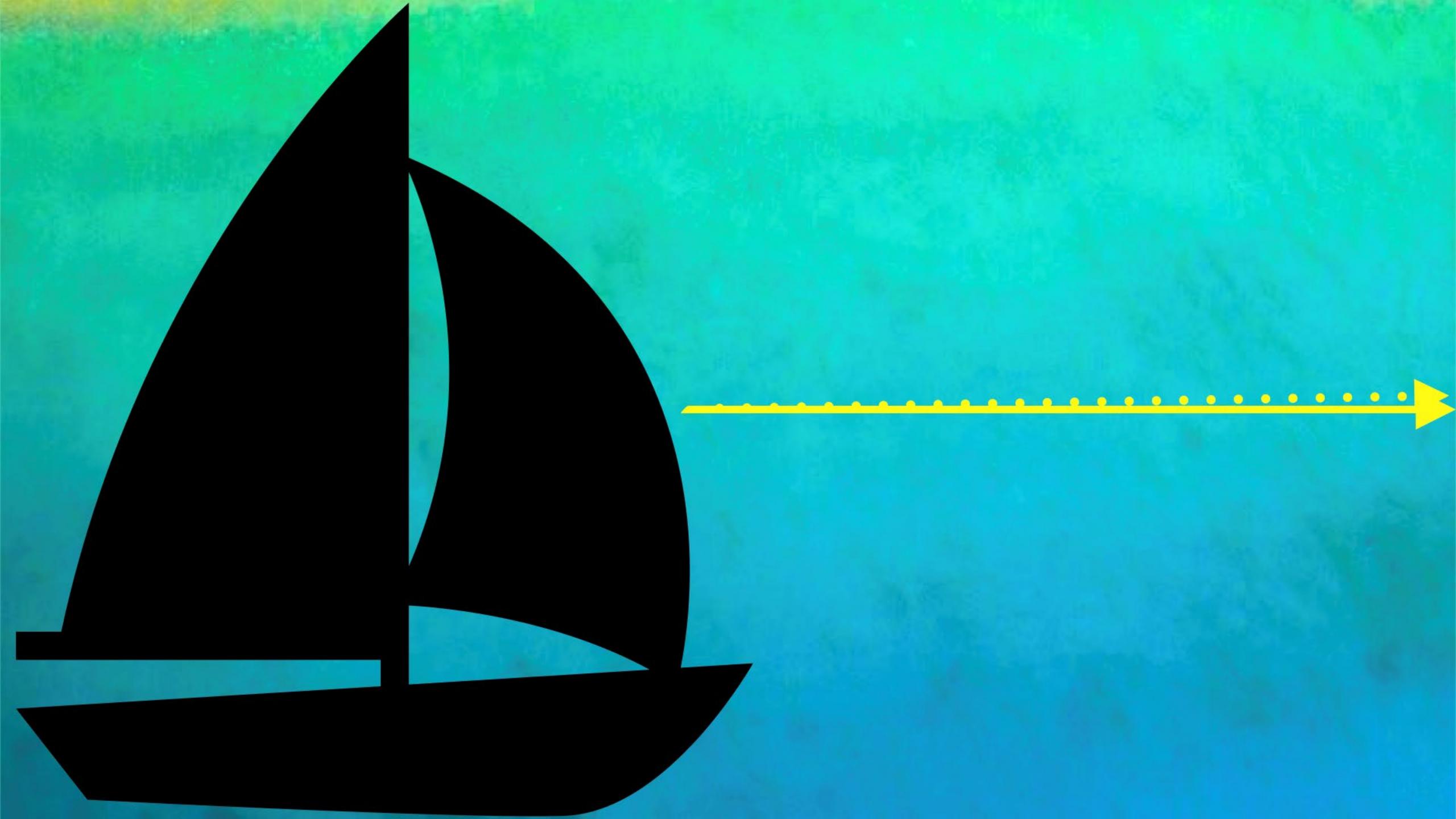
Whatever we do (or don't do) for someone else is as though we are doing it for Jesus (Matthew 25:40)

DECISION TO DIRECTION

Don't underestimate the power of making one good choice

Any significant change on our lives for tomorrow starts with one decision being made today - one press up and so on...

A slight change in direction today can lead to an enormous difference in our destination...





DEWIS DAY

What one trajectory changing choice can you make today?

- start reading a bible verse each day
- start keeping a weekly Sabbath
- set a time each month aside for God
- start tithing or giving

- start volunteering in a charity or community project
- volunteer in a church ministry
- contact a loved one or someone on their own
- rejoice, pray, give thanks

GOD IS NOT ONLY GOD OF OUR BIG LIFE CHANGING CHOICES, HE IS GOD OF OUR EVERY LITTLE THING WE SAY OR DO - DON'T JUST PRAY, WORSHIP AND MEET IN HIS NAME, LIVE IN HIS NAME

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