



## FOUR WAYS I CAN MAKE THE MOST OF LAST WORDS AND LAST CHANCES

### 1. BY \_\_\_\_\_ OF WHO IS SPEAKING.

This is a message from the LORD to Israel. God used Malachi to tell this message to the people. **Malachi 1:1** (ERV)

▪ **Key Word:** \_\_\_\_\_

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup>For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. **2 Peter 1:20-21** (NIV)

...we thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. **2 Thessalonians 2:13** (NIV)

### 2. BY \_\_\_\_\_ THAT THE ONE SPEAKING LOVES ME.

"I have always loved you," says the LORD. **Malachi 1:2a** (NLT)

... Children respect their fathers, and servants respect their masters. I am your father and your master... **Malachi 1:6** (CEV)

▪ **Key Words:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. BY \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT MY DOUBTS AND ADDRESSING THEM.

**First**, be \_\_\_\_\_ and tell God how I \_\_\_\_\_.

"I have always loved you," says the LORD. But you retort, "Really? How have You loved us?" **Malachi 1:2b** (NLT)

"Come now, and let us debate your case..." **Isaiah 1:18a** (NASB)

**Second**, be \_\_\_\_\_ and listen to the evidence God provides in response.

**Item #1** - His work in their \_\_\_\_\_.

And the LORD replies, "This is how I showed My love for you: I loved your ancestor Jacob, <sup>3</sup> but I rejected his brother, Esau, and devastated his hill country. I turned Esau's inheritance into a desert for jackals." **Malachi 1:2c-3** (NLT)

▪ **Key Word:** \_\_\_\_\_

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son... <sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them..." **Hosea 11:1, 4** (NIV)

"But the more they were called, the more they went away from me." **Hosea 11:2** (NIV)

**Item #2** - His work in their \_\_\_\_\_.

▪ **Key Words:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Item #3** - His work in their \_\_\_\_\_.

▪ **Key Word:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. BY \_\_\_\_\_ OF MY LACK OF TRUST IN AND LOVE FOR GOD.

Now return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD... **Malachi 3:6, 7** (NLT)

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with each other, and the LORD listened to what they said. ...a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and always thought about the honor of his name. **Malachi 3:16** (NLT)

#### A. By refusing to tolerate or participate in manipulative \_\_\_\_\_.

"Listen, you priests—this command is for you! <sup>2</sup> Listen to me and make up your minds to honor my name," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "or I will bring a terrible curse against you. I will curse even the blessings you receive. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you have not taken my warning to heart. **Malachi 2:1-5** (NLT)

▪ **Key Words:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. By refusing to tolerate or participate in contemptable \_\_\_\_\_.

If I am your father and master, where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name!" But you ask, "How have we ever shown contempt for your name?" <sup>7</sup> "You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar. **Malachi 1:6, 7** (NLT)

▪ **Key Words:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

#### C. By refusing to tolerate or participate in careless \_\_\_\_\_.

Judah has been unfaithful, and a detestable thing has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem. The men of Judah have defiled the LORD's beloved sanctuary by marrying women who worship idols. <sup>14</sup> You cry out, "Why doesn't the LORD accept my worship?" I'll tell you why! Because the LORD witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner... <sup>15</sup> Didn't the LORD make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. And what does he want? Godly children from your union. <sup>16</sup> "For I hate divorce! **Malachi 2:10-16** (NIV)

▪ **Key Words:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_