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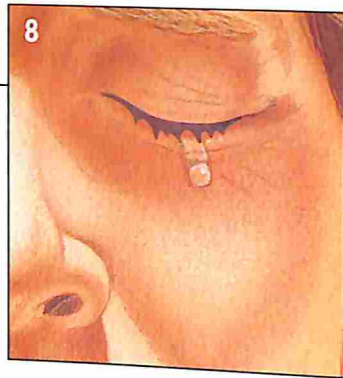
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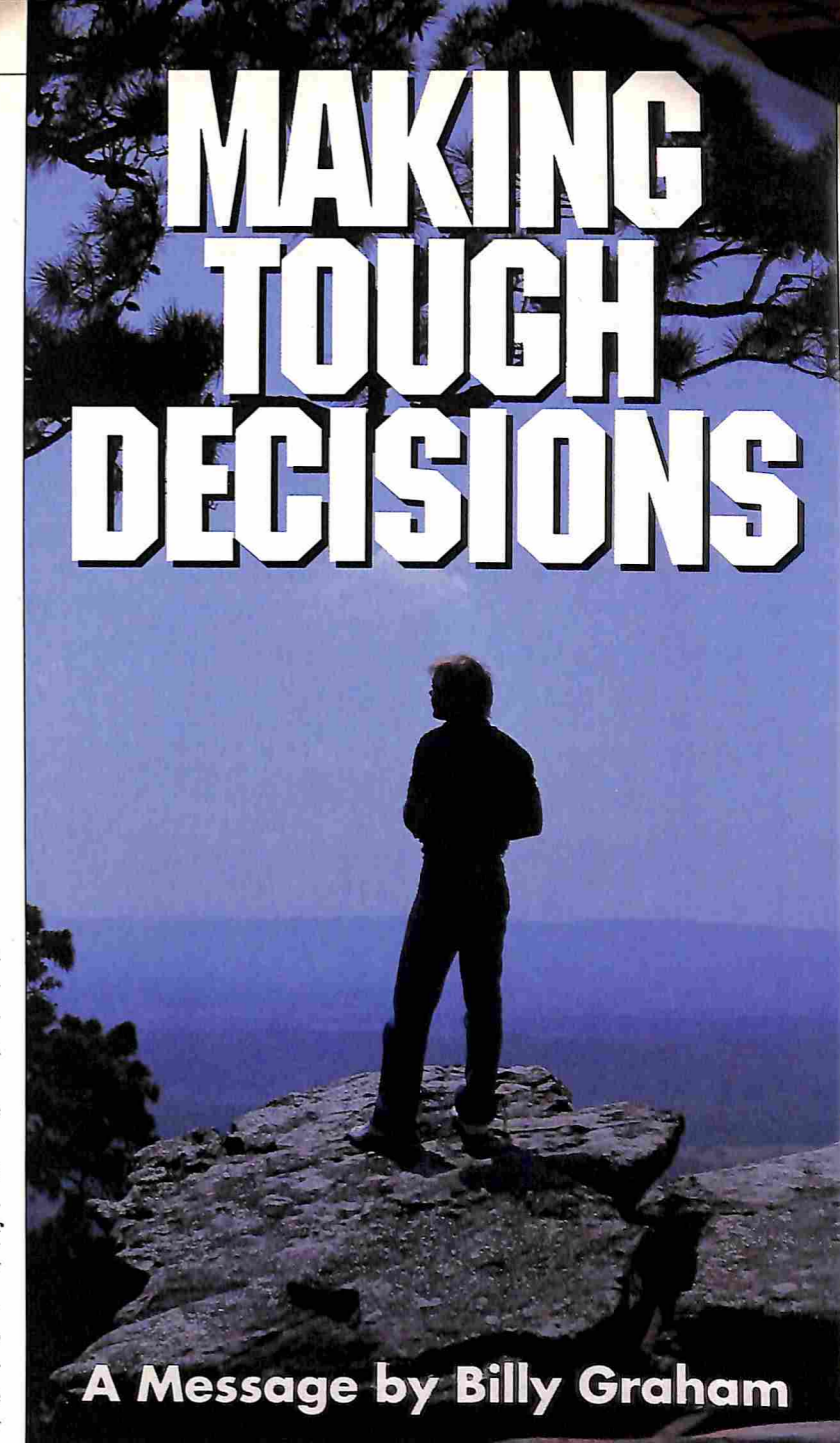
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A Message by Billy Graham

I once asked a college president, "What major problem do you see on campus?"

"Uncertainty," he replied.

I think there is a great uncertainty on the part of people, particularly young people, today. I find that this is true in many countries. Young people are uncertain. They are also under pressure, whether it's the pressure of drugs or sex.

Did Jesus have temptations like that? The Bible says that he "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."¹

For each of us there is a way out. God provides "a way to escape."² But we have to make the decision to go that way. And when we make that decision, the Holy Spirit is there to help us, and to give us strength and courage.

Nebuchadnezzar, the great king of Babylon, had captured Jerusalem. And he captured a few young Jewish men whom he wanted to take back to Babylon to train in the language and the ways of Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar wanted young men "in

portion of the king's meat, nor he drank."⁴ Daniel was a man whose motivation to serve God had

During the period of trial his friends received the finest food and his friends wanted to eat the rich food. Daniel didn't want to eat the rich food. Daniel asked the head of the kitchen, "If the king finds out I don't eat the rich food, let me eat the plain food." So Daniel said, "Whichever you want, let's try it out."⁵ So his friends ate only vegetables. After 10 days were finished, Daniel



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