



I. DECISIONS, DECISIONS

A. Which way should I go?

Jeremiah 6:16a (NIV) This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

- The pivot
- B. When it comes to decisions, pivotal things aren't always big things
- Big decisions don't always start out big
- C. Decisions create momentum
- D. God is bigger than my bad decisions
- The bible is full of people who made bad decisions and lived to tell about them

II. THE BEST DECISION EVER

A. What does it mean to follow Jesus?

Luke 5:11 (NIV) So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

- From a human perspective, the decision to leave everything and follow Jesus was a dumb decision

Luke 5:1-3 (NIV) One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

Luke 5:4-11 (NIV) ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

- B. There is a difference between an event and a decision
- Offense is an event, but being offended is a decision



C. It's the small moves that set your direction

Luke 5:2-3 (NIV) ²He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore.

- Before Peter left everything, he did a little thing

D. Change started in Peter's life when Jesus chose to get into his boat

- God chose Peter knowing he was going to fail and do dumb things

2 Timothy 1:9 (NKJV) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

- He knew you before you were born and chose you