

NAVIGATE + CROSS logo

Got to make a call ... Need to decide ...

- Decisive v. Indecisive

{come up one at a time}

What factors are in play?

- Fear of people? Need for human approval?
- Fear of failure? Messing up?
- FOMO?
- Waiting on God to give a sign or something ...?

God does not want us to be **indecisive**.

Joshua 24:14,15 (MSG)

“**So now**: Fear God. Worship Him in total commitment ... ¹⁵“If you decide that it’s a bad thing to worship God, then choose a god you’d rather serve—and **do it today**.”

Luke 5:11 (NLT)

... as soon as they landed, they **left everything** and **followed Jesus**.

God is never the source of **confusion** or **lack of clarity**.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and **lean not** on your own understanding;
⁶in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your **paths straight**.

Luke 9

- Jesus: 2 predictions of His pending death
- Disciples: argument about greatness

Luke 9:51

When the days were coming to a close for Him to be taken up, He **determined** to journey to **Jerusalem**.

Luke 13:33

Yet **it is necessary** that I travel **today, tomorrow, and the next day**, because it is not possible for a prophet to **perish** outside of Jerusalem.

Jesus’ decisiveness:

- He’s still fully human ...
- Planned courage

Jesus makes a **pre-decision** which empowers Him to make a bunch of other decisions.

Some decisions only need to be made **once** and then **honored daily**.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (JB Phillips)

For consider what He has done—**before** the foundation of the world He chose us to become, in Christ, His holy and blameless children living within His constant care. **He planned, in His purpose of love**, that we should be adopted as His own children through Jesus Christ ...

John 15:13

No one has **greater love** than this: to lay down his life for his **friends**.

Romans 5:8

But God proves **His own love** for us in that while we were **still sinners**, Christ died **for** us.

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Pre-Decide: to **love like Jesus** -- "*today, tomorrow, and the next day*"

- What about yesterday?

Luke 9:52-53

⁵² He sent messengers ahead of himself, and on the way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make preparations for Him. ⁵³ But they did not welcome him, because **He determined to journey to Jerusalem**.

Luke 9:54-56

When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" But He turned and rebuked them ("*you do not know what **kind of spirit** you belong to*")

⁵⁶ and they went to another village.

What is the "*spirit*" of this decision?

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Decision Temptation:

- Impulse of the moment over the direction of the movement
- Power over love

Jesus is going to Jerusalem to take our **place** and to provide our **pattern**.

We want to follow Jesus to heaven but not always to Jerusalem!

Is believing in Jesus just the way to have **eternal life** OR **my way OF life**?

Disciple of Jesus:

→ Live my life the way Jesus would = *best way to live; only way to die!*

Disciples of Jesus make **decisions** like Jesus.

→ Is this the way of Jesus?

Luke 9:57-62

As they were traveling on the road someone said to Him, "I will follow You **wherever** You go."

⁵⁸ Jesus told him, "Foxes have dens, and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹ Then He said to another, "Follow Me."

"Lord," he said, "first let me go bury my father."

⁶⁰ But He told him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and spread the news of the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but **first let me** go and say good-bye to those at my house." ⁶² But Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and **looks back** is fit for the kingdom of God."

{one at a time}

Jesus—

- Cost the cost → clarity
- Consider priorities → importance
- Clean break required → decisive

Common problem of these 3 People:

Their eye was on the **path to Jerusalem** and not the **person of Christ**.

John 3:16 (NTFE)

This, you **see**, is **how much God loved** the world: enough to give **His only, special son**

The **depth of His love** sustains the **demands of following** Him.

“To delay or fail to make decisions may be more sinful than to make wrong decisions out of faith and love.”

{Dietrick Bonhoeffer, 1934}