



Left or Right?



“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it

will collapse with a mighty crash.”
Jesus Christ | Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)

As a financial advisor, I've met high earners (excuses abounding) with little to show. Shocking! Even more so, low earners with paid off homes and significant savings. Digging, it became clear that, when standing at a crossroads, the former made a bad decision and, often in desperation, another in response to the first... a cascading fall. My conclusion? Positive financial position has more to do with making good decisions, each building on the last, than income level.

After laying Kingdom bedrock, Jesus contrasts the decision making of the wise and the foolish. A life of decisions anchored in Kingdom bedrock, each building on the last (building “good upon Good”) won't collapse when tested. Who wouldn't choose this? Yet, when standing at the crossroads, the right path is not always clear.

How will you decide whether to turn left or right?

Reflect: How do I rate my decision making track record?

Space being tight, the builder of my home took the extra step to survey twice before placing the foundation. (Measure twice, cut once, right?)

Likewise, the wisest builder carefully set the foundation for building his Kingdom.

“Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken. I will test you with the measuring line of justice and the plumb line of righteousness.” The Lord (Isaiah 28:16-

17)

Jesus is the solid rock of the Kingdom of God; safe to build on... but not easy.

“Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls. But you reply, ‘No, that’s not the road we want!’” The Lord (Jerimiah 6:16)

At a crossroads, worldly desires influenced by fear masquerade as good decisions. Following Jesus feels contrary, unnatural, hard. Having been raised behind enemy lines immersed in worldly wisdom, we want easy, fun, safe, more! On top of this, the Lord says he will test our faith at these crossroads. Amid the tension, our instincts persuade us to follow our emotions... proven to be poor leaders.

How will you decide whether to turn left or right?

Consider: Anchor in Christ » Hang Plumb Line » Seek Counsel » Make Decision

As teens camping in Canada, we felt ourselves cool to pitch tents on a huge rock overlooking the bay. Lacking soil for stakes, we failed to connect our tents to the rock. Shrugging, the beauty justified. Later, the winds whipped... our unanchored tents blew away! Simply laying them on the rock was insufficient... akin to making decisions, laying them atop Jesus’ foundation and asking him to bless them. From then on, we considered connecting to the foundation first.

How are you connecting to your Rock?

Yes, immerse in Spirit guided scripture... but more... think relationally. Who is this Rock called Jesus?

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.” The Apostle Paul (Colossians 2:6-7)

Walk with him, talk with him, ask him questions, follow his ways, allow your roots to grow deeper and deeper into him... Anchored, he will hold you firmly when tested.

Imagine: Anchored, I'm leading with Mission and not going it alone.

Now hang your Mission like a plumb line. Compare! Project yourself down the path of each option. Which utilizes your God given wiring best? Which fosters the advancement of your Mission? Which distracts? Which requires greater faith in God's promises? Lead with your Mission and trust Jesus; he wants it to advance!

“So don't go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having many advisers.” Proverbs 24:6

Prideful, perhaps our greatest failure is not seeking the counsel of wise, Christ centered advisors that are 100% for us. How else are our emotions quelled? Poor decisions are made unaided!

Always a step of faith, making major decisions need not lead down a path with nothing to show. Confidently strive to build good on Good!

Now, how will you decide whether to turn...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- How will I grow deeper roots into Jesus?
- How will I use my Mission as a plumb line when making decisions?
- Who will be my go-to, wise counselors?

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

good upon Good won't collapse!

*As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor,
and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."*

The Apostle Peter | 1 Peter 2:6



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