

Sonrise Church

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Adult Sunday School every Sun. at 9 a.m.

Children's Sunday School during Morning Message

JULY 18 Women in the Word 10.a.m.



July 19 Hawaiian Potluck Dinner following church

July 25 Men's Bible Study 9 a.m.

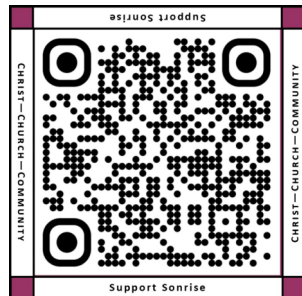
Leadership Team TUESDAY Aug. 11 @ 4:30 p.m.

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Challenging Choices

EIGHT DECISIONS EVERY BELIEVER MUST MAKE

SEEKING JESUS STUDY SERIES



Challenging Choices

A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, "**IF** you want to be my disciple, you must **HATE** everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own **CROSS** and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

"But don't begin until you **count the COST**. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. They would say, 'There's the person who started that building and couldn't afford to finish it!'

"Or what king would go to **WAR** against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? And if he can't, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. So you cannot become my disciple without giving up **EVERYTHING** you own.

"**SALT** is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. Anyone with ears to **HEAR** should listen and understand!" Luke 14.25-35

Choice #1

- ◆ The _____ factor
- ◆ " _____ anyone comes to me..."
- ◆ " _____ to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Mt. 11.28
- ◆ If is a _____
- ◆ _____ means I can choose (Free Will)
- ◆ If is a _____
- ◆ _____ means I leave something behind (sin & Self)
- ◆ If is _____
- ◆ _____ means I am accepting His terms. (IF – THEN)

Choice #2

- ◆ The _____ factor
- ◆ And does not _____ his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.
- ◆ _____ is about Priorities and sides: Jesus or the world, this often includes your family.
- ◆ _____ what is wrong
Ro 12.9
- ◆ God loves justice and _____ evil Hb. 1.8



Journal 2 Week THIRTEEN

Challenging Decisions

Chronological Bible Date OCT. 19

What to watch for this week.

These are included to help get you started with your devotional each day.

1. **(Sun)** This week, watch for all the personal experiences Jesus references. Which one speaks to you the most? Why?
2. **(Mon)** Watch for the requirements for being a disciple or follower of Jesus. Why would Jesus set the standards so high? Do these standards apply to your life? Why or why not?
3. **(Tue)** Watch for items that are lost? What do they all have in common besides being lost? Why is this important to you as a believer?
4. **(Wed)** Watch for how the manager took care of himself. What lesson(s) does Jesus want the believer to learn from this manager?
5. **(Thu)** Watch for the facts you can learn about eternity from the rich man and Lazarus. What do you know for sure about eternity from this lesson?
6. **(Fri)** Watch for the inner action between the master and the servant. How does this help a believer in their faith journey?
7. **(Sat)** Watch for the human emotions of Mary, Martha, and Jesus. How is Martha's response to Jesus one of great faith? (Note: Martha does not know Jesus is about to raise Lazarus from the dead when she makes her faith statement.) © 2026 Bob Highlands III

Choices Believers Must Make

1. Have you decided _____ you will follow?
2. Is Jesus _____ number one?
3. Have you picked up your _____ ?
4. How do you plan to _____ ?
5. Why are you in His _____ ?
6. Have you _____ everything?
7. Are you _____ the world?
8. Are you _____ to Jesus?

Prayer From Habakkuk 1.2-5

How long, O LORD, must I call for help?

But you do not listen!

"Violence is everywhere!" I cry,
but you do not come to save.

Must I forever see these evil deeds?

Why must I watch all this misery?

Wherever I look,

I see destruction and violence.

I am surrounded by people
who love to argue and fight.

The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted.

The LORD replied,

"Look around at the nations;

look and be amazed!

For I am doing something

in your own day,

something you wouldn't believe

even if someone told you about it.

Choice #3

- ◆ The _____ factor
- ◆ Whoever does not bear his own CROSS and come after me cannot be my disciple.
- ◆ On a CROSS : Romans 12.1
- ◆ Your life is _____ your own
- ◆ You are Facing in _____ direction
- ◆ Are there for a _____
- ◆ Paul wrote, "I _____ every day." 1 Co. 15.31



Choice #4

- ◆ The _____ factor
- ◆ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and _____ THE _____ , whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to _____ , all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to _____ .'
- ◆ It is not how you _____ that counts but how you _____ .
- ◆ Ezekiel helps us understand what this means.
- ◆ _____ can cancel out _____ ... Ez. 18.24
- ◆ _____ can cancel out _____ ... Ez. 18.27



Choice #5

- ◆ The _____ factor
- ◆ what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could DEFEAT the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? And if he can't, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away.
- ◆ “Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a _____ . Mt. 10.34
- ◆ For we are not _____ against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Ep. 6.12

Choice #6

- ◆ The _____ factor
- ◆ So you cannot become my disciple without giving up _____ you own.
- ◆ _____ : 1 Cor 6.19-20 You are _____ your own.
- ◆ _____ : John 12.25-26 Anyone who wants to serve me must _____ me
- ◆ _____ : 1 Jn. 2.15 Do not _____ this world nor the things it offers you,

Choice #7

- ◆ The _____ factor: •A clear Witness for Jesus. Romans. 19.10b NLTSE
- ◆ "Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its _____ , how do you make it salty again? _____ salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away.



- ◆ Salt changes the _____ of the food and spices.
- ◆ Salt _____ against rotting.
- ◆ Salt is necessary for proper _____ .
- ◆ Salt is a _____ agent.

Choice #8

- ◆ The _____ factor
- ◆ Anyone with ears to hear should _____ and _____ !
- ◆ HIS Message is clear for those LISTENING to Him.
- ◆ 3 Key factors come from hearing or listening to Jesus.
- ◆ Proverb 2.6
 - ◇ _____ = Applying truth to your life.
 - ◇ _____ = Trusting the Word.
 - ◇ _____ = discernment or reasoning.