



## Decisions and the Commitments they Bring

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### Israel's Story . . . Critical Decisions

The Choice – \_\_\_\_\_ the Enemy (Josh. 9:1-15)

The Conflict – \_\_\_\_\_ the Enemy (Josh. 9:16-27)

The Consequences – \_\_\_\_\_ the Enemy (Josh. 10:1-15)

### Key Principle . . .

In our world, that is often confusing, the choices we make are critical, but so is what we do with the commitments that result from those choices . . . because we are image bearers of God.

### Life Principles . . . *When decisions are being made*

1. When There is a Big Decision: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua 9:14; Proverbs 19:2-3; James 4:13-15; Joshua 2:1 & 6:1-5
2. Once You've Made A Commitment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua 9:19; Ps. 15:1-5; Ex. 20:7 & Matt. 5:33-37; Prov. 19:22
3. Don't Confuse A \_\_\_\_\_ With A \_\_\_\_\_  
Exodus 20:7 & Matthew 23:16-22; Deuteronomy 28:1, 15

## Truth for Life

For the week of March 15, 2015

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. This weekend we explored some important life principles that assist us when we have a big decision to make. Below are some verses that shed additional light on using the resources God has given us in times of decision making. Read each one and then jot down your insights below.

### Scripture:

Psalm 119:9-11; 59-61; 97-105  
Proverbs 2

### Wise Counsel:

Proverbs 15:22  
2 Chronicles 10:1-11

### The Inner Promptings of the Holy Spirit:

Acts 16:6-10  
Acts 20:22-23  
John 16:12-14

2. Solomon was the wisest man of his day, yet even he made some really bad decisions. One example of this can be found in 1 Kings 11:1-13. Read this passage and then spend a little time troubleshooting where this king went wrong. What principles did Solomon ignore?
3. Throughout history, God has made His expectations clear. Moses wraps up a great sermon in Deuteronomy 30 by outlining specific commitments God was asking His children to make. Read Deuteronomy 30:11-20 and catalog a list of God's expectations for the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land.  
  
If you were an Israelite listening to this message, what would compel you to keep your commitments and follow God's instruction?

What compels you to keep commitments in your life today? Does anything make it difficult?

## Memory Verse

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Proverbs 3:5-6



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4. When There is a Big Decision: **Stop, Look & Listen**  
Joshua 9:14; Proverbs 19:2-3; James 4:13-15; Joshua 2:1 & 6:1-5
5. Once You've Made A Commitment: **Keep it**  
Joshua 9:19; Ps. 15:1-5; Ex. 20:7 & Matt. 5:33-37/ Prov. 19:22
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