

Turning Points

1. Times when we reach “crossroads”
 - a. single point - or many points
 - b. any time when significant life event brings change
 - c. most are unwanted - must learn to deal with these
 - d. some are voluntary - may be hardest to deal with
 - e. will shape how we look at the world and God after this

2. When situations or events force a decision
 - a. **Gen 3** - Eve faced with situation - had to make a decision
 1. **Gen 2.16-17** - command not to eat
 2. **2 Pet 1.3** - have all things that pertain to life and godliness
 3. **Eph 5.14-15** - walk circumspectly - Satan had promised wisdom
 - b. **Gen 21** - Abraham - faced with command to sac Isaac - had to decide
 1. **Isa 55.8-9** - my ways are not your ways - may not understand why ??
 2. **Rom 9.20** - who art thou that repliest against God
 3. **Lk 22.42** - not my will but what thou wilt - even Christ demonstrated this
 - c. **Job** - destruction & loss - had to decide what to do
 1. **Heb 10.34** - the spoiling of your own goods
 2. **Luke 12.5-7** - but I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear
 3. **Matt 10.28** - fear not them which kill the body
 - d. **Acts 9** - Paul reputation and history - changed by revelation
 1. **Acts 19.19** - brought their books and burned them
 2. **Phil 3.4-7** - Hebrew of the Hebrews - counted all things but loss
 3. **1 Cor 1.26** - not many mighty, not many noble are called (pride)
 - e. **1 Sam 13.8-14** - Saul - had to wait for Samuel but became impatient & was proud
 1. **Deut 17.18-19** - he shall write him a copy of this law ... it shall be with him
 2. **Heb 10.29** - of how much sorer punishment
 3. **Jas 4.17** - to him that knoweth to do good
 4. **Heb 6.4-6** - it is impossible
 - f. - **2 Tim 4.10** - Demas hath forsaken me having this present world
 1. **John 2.15-16** - love not the world neither the things that are in the world
 2. **Gal 6.7-9** - in due season we shall reap if we faint not
 3. **1 Pet 1.4-7** - who are kept by the power of God ...

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2. When situations or events force a decision

a. Gen 3. - Eve faced with situation - had to make a decision

Gen 2.16-17 - And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

2 Pet 1.3 - According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Eph 5.14-15 - Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15: See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

b. Gen 21 - Abraham - faced with command to sac Isaac - had to decide

Isa 55.8-9 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Rom 9.20 - Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

Luke 22.42 .- Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

c. Job - destruction & loss - had to decide what to do

Heb 10.34 - For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

Luke 12.5-7 - But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. 6: Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? 7: But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Matt 10.28 - And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

d. Acts 9. - Paul reputation and history - changed by revelation

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Acts 19.19 - Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Phil 3.4-7- Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: 5: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; 6: Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7: But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

1 Cor 1.26 - For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

e. 1 Sam 13.8-14 - Saul - had to wait for Samuel but became impatient & was proud

Deut 17.18-19 - And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: 19: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

Heb 10.29 - Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Jas 4.17 - Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Heb 6.4-6 - For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5: And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6: If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

f. 2 Tim 4.10 - Demas hath forsaken me having this present world Col 4.14, Plmn 1.24 - flbrer

John 2.15-16 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16: For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Gal 6.7-9 - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8: For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the

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Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9: And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

1 Pet 1.4-7 - To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5: Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6: Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

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