



We are all Barabbas - Luke 23:13-25

1. When it comes to decisions, we have all had our fair share of coulda, shoulda, woulda. What are some past bad decisions where Jesus demonstrated his grace and mercy to you?
2. One of the main reasons that Pilate eventually gave in to the religious elites was that he was more concerned with keeping his power than doing what was right. What areas of your life can you think of where it can be easy to be more concerned with what people think/want than what God thinks/wants?
3. Failing to make a decision is making a decision. How can passiveness cripple your walk with Christ? What decisions do you need to make now but have put off?
4. How can good things take you away from a close relationship with God? How do we look past the seeming good in something to see if God is in it and it is His will?
5. Pilate ultimately gave an innocent man up to be murdered. I don't believe that he wanted to, based on his pleading with the religious elite, to let Jesus go. None-the-less, he pronounced a death sentence upon Jesus because he could not stand in the face of the screaming crowd. What areas of your life do you need to take a stand instead of going along with the crowd?
6. Mark 8:36 says, "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" How do we keep the main thing the main thing and follow Jesus without being distracted by the things of this world?
7. Discuss: We, like Barabbas, deserved to die. We, like Barabbas, did nothing to earn our pardon. Like Barabbas, Jesus died in our place.