

7-8-26 Study Guide

Decisions Determine Destiny – Stewart Farley

Last week's call to action from *Surrender* was:

“Listen for one ‘whisper of surrender’ from the Holy Spirit — a simple, practical invitation. Take the cup He hands you, yield to it, and allow that act of surrender to shape Christ’s image in you.”

How did you experience a whisper of surrender this past week? Where did you stop striving and start yielding?

1. Who Controls Your Destiny?

“God doesn’t control your destiny — you do. Could it be both?” **How do you understand the relationship between God’s plan and your decisions?**

2. Believing as an Active Verb

John 3:16 (NLT) The message explains that “believe” is the verb form of faith — an active, continuous reliance. **How does seeing belief as an ongoing action change the way you live out your faith?**

3. Persuaded by Truth

Romans 10:9 (NLT) Belief means being persuaded — convinced — that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead. **Where is God inviting you to become more fully persuaded?**

4. Saved = Made Whole

Pastor taught that the word *saved* (*sozo*) means **rescued, healed, delivered, restored to wholeness**. **Which aspect of wholeness do you most need God to work in right now?**

5. Born Again — Spirit Made New

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) Being born again changes the spirit, not the body or thought patterns. **What part of your thinking still needs renewal to match the new creation you already are?**

6. Spirit, Soul, and Body

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NLT) Paul teaches that wholeness touches all three parts of us. **Which part of your life — spirit, soul, or body — needs the most intentional alignment with God’s truth?**

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Choose a Good Attitude at ALL Times**

7. Decisions Shape Destiny

Pastor said, *“Your decisions determine your destiny.”* **What recent decision has moved you closer to God’s plan — or farther from it?**

8. Hearing, Believing, and Speaking

Faith comes by hearing, believing persuades the heart, and confession aligns the mouth. **What promise of God do you need to hear more often? What truth do you need to begin speaking before you see results?**

9. The House Illustration — A New Resident

Pastor said that Jesus moves into the “house” of our body and begins cleaning, painting, restoring. **What area of your life still looks like the “old resident,” and what would it look like to let Jesus renovate it?**

10. Letting Christ Fix What’s Broken

Pastor said, *“Stop keeping Him from painting and fixing up that old place.”* **Where have you resisted Christ’s work — and what would surrender look like in that area?**

13. In relation to last week’s message Surrender, are there some things that you know you must decide to be surrender to allow God to help you achieve the destiny He has prepared for you? **What is holding you back from making that decision?**

Closing Call to Action

This week, choose one decision that aligns your life more fully with God’s plan — a decision that reflects persuasion, belief, and confession. Make that decision intentionally, and allow Christ — the new Resident — to renovate one area of your life that needs His touch.