

Deciding Our Way Forward

Big Idea: Your Decisions Determine Your Story.

2 Samuel 11:1

You are not the only person _____ by **your** decisions.

2 Samuel 11:2-5

_____ decisions have _____ outcomes.

2 Samuel 11:6-13

Your **decisions** determine the _____ and _____ of your **life**.

2 Samuel 11:14-16

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Proverbs 27:12

_____ a good story.

Five good questions for **BETTER DECISIONS** and **FEWER REGRETS**.

1. The **Integrity** question: Am I being HONEST with myself, really?
2. The **Legacy** question: What STORY do I want to tell?
3. The **Conscience** question: Is there a TENSION that deserves my attention?
4. The **Maturity** question: What is the WISE thing to do?
5. The **Relationship** question: What does love REQUIRE of me?

Bottom Line: Ask – Answer **Honestly** – Act

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Discuss and Apply

Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate meaningful conversations. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at connect@manna.church.

1. Can you think of a **decision** that led to **regret** that could have been avoided if you had either **asked** more questions or seriously **considered** questions someone else asked you?
2. What makes the **salesperson** in your head so convincing? Why do you **know** better but don't decide better?
3. Read Proverbs 27:12. Have you ever "**seen** trouble coming" but kept moving in that direction anyway? Have you "seen trouble coming" and **taken refuge**? What made the difference?

Prayer

Father, Thank you for allowing us to learn from your servants of old. David's transgressions were unthinkable – and yet – not dissimilar to our own. Please search our heart (Ps 139:23) and help us to respond honestly, deeply. Let our repentance be complete that we may fully rejoice in the joy of your salvation (Ps 51). By faith, I receive your forgiveness and commit to making wise choices in the coming year. In Jesus Name

At Manna Church, We are on Mission

to glorify God by equipping His people to change their world and by planting churches with a world-changing vision.

We Plan to Accomplish This By . . .

- Helping God's people discover their individual gifts and callings, creating an environment where these may be developed, and deploying God's people into their world to be salt and light. Our small groups are designed to help accomplish this goal.
- Helping God's people build strong families and creating a community where individuals may find fulfillment and expression, regardless of age or marital status.
- Planting churches with the same vision both domestically and abroad.