

Life's Healing Choices: 3 of 8
"The Commitment Choice"
Cornerstone Church
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The Commitment Choice: Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

"Blessed are the **meek**, for they will inherit the earth."

Matthew 5:5 (NIV) Remember Verse

To Surrender To God, I Will:

1. Invite Jesus Into Every Area Of My Life – It's Your Decision

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must **deny** himself and take up his cross daily and **follow** me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. **Luke 9:23-26 (NIV)**

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

Luke 6:46-49 (NIV)

Notes: _____

2. Accept God's Word As My Standard & Purpose

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB)**

Joyful are people of integrity, who **follow** the instructions of the LORD.

Joyful are those who **obey** his laws and **search** for him with all their hearts. They do not compromise with evil, and they **walk** only in his paths.

You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully.

Oh, that my **actions** would consistently **reflect** your decrees!

Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands.

As I **learn** your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should!

I will obey your decrees. Please don't give up on me! **Psalms 119:1-8 (NLT2)**

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3. Accept God's Power As My Strength

“Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. **Romans 6:1-4 (NLT2)**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; the old has gone, the new has come! **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)**

By His divine power, God has given us **everything** we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to **know him**, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous **glory** and **excellence**. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and **precious promises**. These are the promises that enable you to **share** his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. **2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT2)**

For this very reason, make every effort to **add to your faith goodness**; and to goodness, **knowledge**; and to knowledge, **self-control**; and to self-control, **perseverance**; and to perseverance, **godliness**; and to godliness, **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness, **love**. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your **knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**. **2 Peter 1:5-8 (NIV)**

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➤ **Am I willing to give my control over to God?**

My next right step, I will:

- Commit my whole life to God
- Choose to accept God's Word as my standard
- Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker: Share a time when you were part of a team that required a big commitment. Were there any life lessons that you learned from your experience?

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1. Invite Jesus Into Every Area Of My Life

Read Luke 9:23-26

What is the cross a symbol of?

What is Jesus asking us to do?

Read Luke 6:46-49

What is Jesus asking us to do?

What are you building your life upon?

What are you doing to dig deep for your foundation?

2. Accept God's Word As My Standard & Purpose

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

What do you learn about God's Word?

Where do you need God's help the most?

Read Psalm 119:1-8

What action steps does this passage teach you?

Which ones do you need to apply this week?

3. Accept God's Power As My Strength

Read Romans 6:1-4

How should we respond to God's grace?

Where does God's power come from to live a new life?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

What promise does this verse give you?

Read 2 Peter 1:3-4

When did you surrender your life to Jesus?

How have you grown in your relationship with Him?

Read 2 Peter 1:5-8

What practical steps can you take to be strengthened by God's power?

Read The Commitment Choice:

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Are you willing to give God control over your life?

Write out your response to the Commitment Choice.