



## LESSON 2 // MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS

**Big Idea:** Leaving a godly legacy involves making critical decisions. Like Abraham, we can do this if we hear the Voice others are ignoring, answer the call others won't answer, take the steps others won't take, make the changes others won't make, and serve the God others won't serve.

**Romans 1:19-20 (TLB)** *For the truth about God is known to them instinctively; God has put this knowledge in their hearts. 20 Since earliest times men have seen the earth and sky and all God made, and have known of his existence and great eternal power. So they will have no excuse when they stand before God at Judgment Day.*

**Genesis 12:6, 8-9 (NLT)** *Abram traveled through the land. ... After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country. ... Then Abram continued traveling south .....*

**Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)** *"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. 9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."*

**Joshua 24:15 (NIV)** *But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*

### Start Talking:

Talk about a critical decision you made that has had a significant impact on your life. What have you learned from this experience?

### Start Thinking:

**Read Psalm 19:1-2 and Romans 1:19-20.** What do you learn from these verses about how God "speaks" to us? What are some other ways we can "hear his voice"?

**Read Genesis 12:6-9.** How does the choice to follow through—day-by-day "doing the right thing" and practicing the right godly habits—enable you to fulfill God's call, beyond just hearing His voice?

**Read Isaiah 55:8-9.** Why is it often so difficult for us to submit our ways and thoughts to God's ways and thoughts? How can you overcome this challenge in your walk with the Lord?

**Read Joshua 24:15.** Why is it so important to choose every day to follow the Lord in the midst of a culture that rejects Him? What kinds of opposition have you faced in trying to live out this choice in your life?

### Start Praying and Doing:

Pray for God to give you courage and power, by His Spirit, to make the right choices that honor Him and build a godly legacy. Boldly choose to serve the Lord no matter what and prepare to engage with people in a respectful, winsome way about this choice (see 1 Peter 3:15). This week, practice submitting your ways and thinking to His ways and thinking as revealed in His Word, and see how this choice will make a difference in your life for His kingdom!