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The Crossroads
Of
DECISION

*Why You Can't Wait
Until Tomorrow*

Acts 24:22-27

Sermon Notes

Acts 24:22–27 (ESV)

²²But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.”

²³Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

²⁴After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁵And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, “Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.”

²⁶At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him.

²⁷When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

(Answer key located on the last page)

Big Idea: *Every postponed response to God's conviction functions as a decision against Christ, and each day of delay further hardens the heart toward the very truth it once trembled at.*

I. THE DOORWAY OF DECISION

Acts 24:22–23 (ESV)

Felix stalled, saying he would wait for Lysias to arrive. "I need more information" was really a polite way to avoid a _____ he didn't want to make.

Doorways God opens for a conversation about Jesus Christ and salvation aren't permanent fixtures. They are _____ and moments close.

Jesus called Himself the _____ (John 10:9).

Application

Name one decision about your faith you've been postponing. Write it below.

II. THE DISCOMFORT OF DECISION

Acts 24:24–25 (ESV)

Paul reasoned with Felix about three things:

_____, _____,
and the _____ to come.

Verse 25 says Felix was _____ — real trembling, real conviction.

Discomfort is not the enemy of spiritual growth. _____ is.

The rich young ruler (Mark 10:17–22) heard the truth plainly and "went away _____" rather than obey it.

Application

Name it in prayer today, and tell one trusted friend before the week is out.

III. THE DANGER OF DELAYED DECISION

Acts 24:26–27 (ESV)

A divided heart doesn't stay neutral — it _____.

Hesitation doesn't just delay growth — it can _____ a heart until it stops responding at all.

Application

If you've never trusted Christ, do it today. If you already belong to Him, take that overdue step of obedience you've been putting off — today.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What is God asking you to stop postponing after hearing this message today?

Answer Key

I. The Doorway of Decision

decision | moments | door

II. The Discomfort of Decision

righteousness, self-control, judgment |
alarmed | Avoidance | sorrowful

III. The Danger of Delayed Decision

drifts | harden

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
(Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **“God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!”

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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