

# CHOICES

WHY EVERY DECISION YOU MAKE MATTERS

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**Strategic Vision: "Where Do I Go Next?" St. Paul** Part 5

**Romans 12:1-2** – Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Acts 13:1-3** – Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" <sup>3</sup>So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

## #1 You will CHOOSE the right move as the Holy Spirit speaks to you following times of PRAYER & FASTING

**Acts 16:6-10** – Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. <sup>7</sup>When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. <sup>8</sup>So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

## #2 The second decision that Paul made was to STOP what he had planned to do, to do what God directed him to do.

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**Galatians 2:20** – I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Acts 21:3-6** – After sighting Cyprus and passing to the south of it, we sailed on to Syria. We landed at Tyre, where our ship was to unload its cargo. <sup>4</sup>We sought out the disciples there and stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>When it was time to leave, we left and continued on our way. All of them, including wives and children, accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray. <sup>6</sup>After saying goodbye to each other, we went aboard the ship, and they returned home.

## #3 His Third Big Decision was St Paul's One Big MISTAKE!

**Acts 26:29** – Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, EXCEPT FOR THESE CHAINS."

**Acts 19:21** – After all this had happened, Paul decided to go to Jerusalem, passing through Macedonia and Achaia. "After I have been there," he said, "I must visit Rome also."

**Acts 21:4** – We sought out the disciples there and stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.