



Sermon Study Guide
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Gods' grace growing in us, among us, and through us, bringing the fullness of Jesus Christ to all of life.

Series Theme

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Sermon Title

Right vs. Right Now (Khorl Smith)

Key Sermon Points

- Our choices matter. Choices have consequences and impact our life and the lives of those around us.
- Our choices can lead us to either positive or negative places and influence the way people perceive us.
- We must learn to choose what is right over what may be before us right now.
- Joseph was forced to choose between the God who had created and blessed all his life and immediate pleasure with his current master's wife.
- Though circumstances may vary, we all experience right vs. right now choices.
- Joseph was beautifully created by God and would naturally be attractive to women. He also had many other God given gifts. God desires for us to use the gifts he has given us in the right way, to serve Him, as He has created us to do.
- Our feelings will not often direct us to right choices.
- Impulse frequently leads to poor choices.
- Joseph is described as a dreamer and an interpreter of dreams. He was sensitive to the future and the direction of choices as we must be.
- Joseph was not fearful of the consequences of his choice because it was right in God's eyes.
- Esau gave his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew. We often make our most destructive choices made in weak moments.
- We must flee and run from temptation like Joseph. The longer we deliberate, dwell on or participate in temptation or sin the greater its hold on us becomes. Win early!

- Joseph made his decision to run before the moment of temptation came. We must decide the kind of life we will live in contract with God and make our choices based upon His plan and calling for us.

Scripture: John 11:55-57, 12:1-3, 19:11, Zechariah 9:9, Revelation 7:9-10, 2 Corinthians 2:14

Personal Application

1. Think about the choices you have made in the "right now" How have they worked out? What right now choices are you facing or likely to face in your current circumstances?
2. Memorize 2 Timothy 2:2 this week. Print it, post it in a prominent place and review it daily...
"So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart."

Discussion Questions: (conversations)

1. Are there choices you have made in the "right now" How have they worked out? What "right now" choices are you facing or likely to face in your current circumstances?
2. What choices have you made in faith, looking toward the right of Gods will? What have been the results?
3. What gifts and talents (birthright) has God given you? How might they be used to keep you in the "right" rather than the "right now"?
4. How might our choices (both individual and corporate) be effecting the way people perceive us, the Church, and Jesus?

Life Groups

Use the discussion questions above (and others as you are led) as you study the area of the right vs. the right now. Is there a way in which your group could choose (and pursue) the right and change people's perceptions of Christ and the Church.

Children & Families

Give your children a choice between a small "reward" now, or a much better reward if they wait. Discuss their choice and its implications and connection to Gods plan.

Other Resources

[Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions: by Lysa TerKeurst](#)

God gave us emotions to experience life, not destroy it! Lysa TerKeurst admits that she, like most women, has had experiences where others bump into her happy and she comes emotionally unglued. We stuff, we explode, or we react somewhere in between. What do we do with these raw emotions? Is it really possible to make emotions work for us instead of against us? Yes, and in her usual inspiring and practical way, Lysa will show you how. Filled with gut-honest personal examples and biblical teaching, *Unglued* will equip you to: Know with confidence how to resolve conflict in your important relationships. Find peace in your most difficult relationships as you learn to be honest but kind when offended. Identify what type of reactor you are and how to significantly improve your communication. Respond with no regrets

by managing your tendencies to stuff, explode, or react somewhere in between. Gain a deep sense of calm by responding to situations out of your control without acting out of control.

Set Free to Choose Right: Equipping Today's Kids to Make Right Moral Choices: by Josh McDowell

Set Free to Choose Right will help you come to understand:

- why today's kids feel they have the right to determine what is "right" or "wrong" for themselves
- how culture reinforces that there are no universal truths and. . .
- where this misconception historically originated
- how to motivate kids to make good choices
- it is God's character and nature that makes right, right and wrong, wrong

Engaging stories and helpful illustration are provided to model how a person (of any age) can distinguish between right and wrong and make the right choice—*every time!*