



The Narrow Porch

Porch Sunday III

The Choice Before You

When Truth Calls for a Response

Pull Up a Chair

Welcome back to **The Narrow Porch**.

Over the last two weeks, we've walked together through God's Word and discovered two important truths.

Before you could choose, God was already at work through parents, families, and faithful believers.

Then we looked at the day when you began to understand right and wrong—when faith was no longer something borrowed, but something that became personal.

Today we arrive at another step on the journey.

Understanding always leads to a decision.

God has never called people simply to admire His truth.

He calls us to respond to it.

As we open His Word today, ask yourself one simple question:

What will I do with Jesus?

Before we begin, ask the Lord to give you a heart that listens and is willing to obey whatever He reveals.

Open God's Word

Today's passages:

- Mark 1:14–15 (KJV)
- Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)
- 2 Peter 3:9 (CSB)
- 1 Corinthians 15:1–4 (NASB)
- Romans 10:9–13 (KJV)
- 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)

Walking Through the Word

Mark 1:14–15

"...The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." (KJV)

These are among the first recorded words of Jesus as He began His public ministry.

His message wasn't merely information.

It was an invitation.

More than that—it was a command.

Repent.

Believe.

The gospel demands a response.

Joshua 24:15

"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..." (NKJV)

Joshua spoke these words to the people of Israel as they stood at a crossroads.

They could not remain undecided forever.

Every generation must answer the same question:

Who will I serve?

While this passage is not about coming to salvation, it reminds us that following God has always required a personal decision.

No one else can make that choice for you.

2 Peter 3:9

"The Lord does not delay His promise... but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance." (CSB)

God's invitation comes from His patience.

Every sunrise...

Every new day...

Every opportunity to hear His Word...

is another expression of His mercy.

God is not eager to condemn.

He delights in calling sinners to Himself.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Paul reminds the church of the gospel he preached:

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

He was buried.

He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. (NASB)

This is the heart of our faith.

Christianity is not built upon good advice.

It is built upon good news.

Jesus Christ died for our sins.

He was buried.

He rose again.

Everything depends upon this truth.

Romans 10:9–13

"...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (KJV)

The gospel is wonderfully personal.

God doesn't call us merely to acknowledge facts about Jesus.

He calls us to trust Him.

To confess Him as Lord.

To believe that He is the risen Savior.

And then comes one of the most comforting promises in Scripture:

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

That invitation is still open today.

2 Corinthians 6:2

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (NKJV)

Paul reminds us that responding to God is never something to put off.

Tomorrow is never promised.

The choice before you is not simply whether you will follow Christ someday.

The choice before you is whether you will respond to Him today.



Looking Down the Narrow Way

Every person eventually stands where these Scriptures meet.

You have heard the truth.

You have seen the gospel.

Now comes the question that no one else can answer for you.

What will you do with Jesus?

Some choose to follow Him.

Some postpone the decision.

Some reject Him altogether.

But no one remains neutral forever.

If you already belong to Christ, let today's passages remind you of the grace that rescued you.

If you have never trusted Him, hear His invitation.

The One who died for your sins and rose again is calling you even now.

His invitation is not based on your goodness.

It is based on His grace.

Porch Reflection

Spend a few quiet moments with the Lord.

Ask yourself:

- Have I personally responded to the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- Am I trusting in Christ alone, or in my own goodness?
- Have I delayed a decision that God is calling me to make?
- Who in my life needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

Take time to thank God for His patience, His mercy, and His invitation to come to Him.

Porch Prayer

Father,

Thank You for Your patience and Your mercy.

Thank You for sending Your Son to die for our sins and to rise again in victory.

Thank You for continuing to call people to Yourself through the truth of Your Word.

Help us never to ignore Your invitation.

Give us humble hearts that gladly respond to Jesus with repentance, faith, and obedience.

For those who already know Christ, strengthen our walk and deepen our love for You.

For those who are still deciding, open their hearts to see the beauty of the gospel and the greatness of our Savior.

May we never grow tired of proclaiming the good news that Jesus saves.

In His name we pray,
Amen.

Leave a Chair Open

Someone you know is standing before the same choice.
Perhaps they've heard about Jesus but have never truly understood the gospel.
Perhaps they've been waiting for "a better time."
This week, don't argue.
Don't be pressured.
Simply open God's Word with them.
Read these passages together.
Trust that God's Spirit is able to do what no human argument ever could.
Leave a chair open.
Someone else may be ready to discover that the greatest choice they will ever make is to follow Jesus Christ.

Next Week on The Narrow Porch

Repent and Believe

What does it truly mean to repent?
What is saving faith?
Can someone simply believe facts about Jesus, or does biblical faith go deeper?
Together we'll open God's Word and discover what God Himself says about repentance and faith.

Porch Saying

"Every road in life leads to many choices, but no choice is greater than what you do with Jesus Christ."

— A Porch Believer —



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