

Reflection/Discussion Questions

August 9, 2026

Sermon: The Choice to Stay

Series: Choices Along The Line #3

Bible: 2 Samuel 15:17-22, 18:2

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1. What's one area of your life right now where staying loyal to Jesus feels risky, painful, or costly?
 2. Share a time when you faced pressure to take an "easy exit" from a conviction or relationship. What did you do?
 3. What does 2 Samuel 15:19-20 reveal about David's concern for Ittai, and why does that make Ittai's response even more striking?
 4. How does Ittai's declaration in 2 Samuel 15:21 ("As the Lord lives...") show that his loyalty was ultimately to the living God, not just to a man?
 5. Observe the parallel between Ittai's choice and Peter's response in John 6:66-69. What similarities do you see?
 6. Why does the sermon warn that easy exits are always dangerous, citing Proverbs 14:12?
 7. In what ways have you seen true allegiance revealed the moment an easy exit appeared—either in your life or someone else's?
 8. How does knowing that staying with the True King is public, costly, and rewarding change the way you view difficult loyalty decisions?
 9. What one practical change could you make this week to strengthen your allegiance to King Jesus when pressure comes?
 10. How will you live out "When circumstances scream 'Flee,' the wise remain loyal to King Jesus" this week? Share a specific prayer request for accountability and support.