

# WAYPOINT

## Week 5 - Decision - Points from the talk (4/6/22):

### Step Three: “Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him”

- Denial → Powerlessness → Hope → Healing → Decision
- Step One → **Past**; Step 2 → **Future**; Step 3 → **Present**
- “Remember that we deal with alcohol (sin)- cunning, baffling and powerful. Without help it is too much for us. But there is one who has all power, that one is God. May you find him now! Half measures availed us nothing. We stood at the turning point. We asked his protection and care with complete abandon.” (Big Book, ‘How it Works’, 58-59)
- Decision = *de* + *caedere* = To cut or kill off
  - Joel 3:14
    - “Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.”
  - Matthew 12:30
    - “He who is not with me is against me. He who does not gather with me scatters”
  - 1 Kings 18:21
    - “How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal then follow him. And the people did not answer him a word.”
  - *Distazo* = Double Stance (2x in New Testament)
    - Matthew 14:31
      - “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?”
    - Matthew 28:17
      - “When they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted.”
  - C.S. Lewis, ‘The Great Divorce’.
    - Joshua 7:13
      - “You cannot stand before your enemies, until you remove the devoted things from among you.”
    - Joshua 24:14-15
      - “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the Lord... choose this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”
  - Revelation 3:15-16
    - “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth.”

## **Week 5 - Discussion Questions:**

1. In all honesty, am I taking half measures to turn my life and will over to the care of God?
2. Is there a moment in my life where I acted decisively with all my heart and achieved something with God's help?
3. What is holding me back from cutting off or putting to death particular sins in my life with the help of Almighty God?
4. What is the temperature of my commitment to God and His ways?

## **Closing Prayer**

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.