



Why this text is so important:

It will teach us.....

1. How to **avoid** experiences that are **clearly not** the will of God.
2. How to **get out** of experiences that are **clearly not** the will of God.

Today:

# The Wonder Years!

Three laws that must be followed in the  
journey of the Christian life.

Preaching Series:

# E38

38 essential passages in understanding  
*GOD'S STORY, THEIR STORY AND YOUR STORY.*

The Bible is one grand story of God's masterful design in restoring His people.





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**40 years!**



*“God never gives anyone an easy assignment.”*

*John Ortberg*

*“Beware of the toxic power of negativity!”*

*Ken Boa*

*“God is more concerned with the person you are becoming than the place you live, the possessions you have or the position you hold..”*

*John Ortberg*

“I don’t want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud...walked through the sea on dry ground...were baptized as followers of Moses. ...they ate the same spiritual food...Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

**These things happened as a warning to us,** so that we would not crave evil things as they did...” 1Cor. 10



“Very much of God’s will for you will be, ‘**I am allowing you to decide**’ because decision making is an indispensable part of character formation. God is primarily in the character forming business, not the circumstances-shaping business.”

John Ortberg

So what are the three laws that  
must be followed?

*Law #1*

Obey Directions

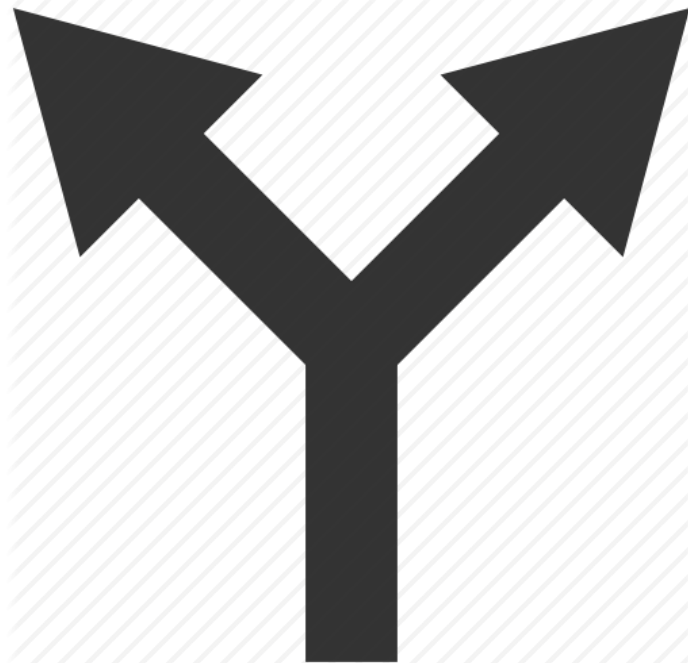




# **Sexuality**

## **Purity**

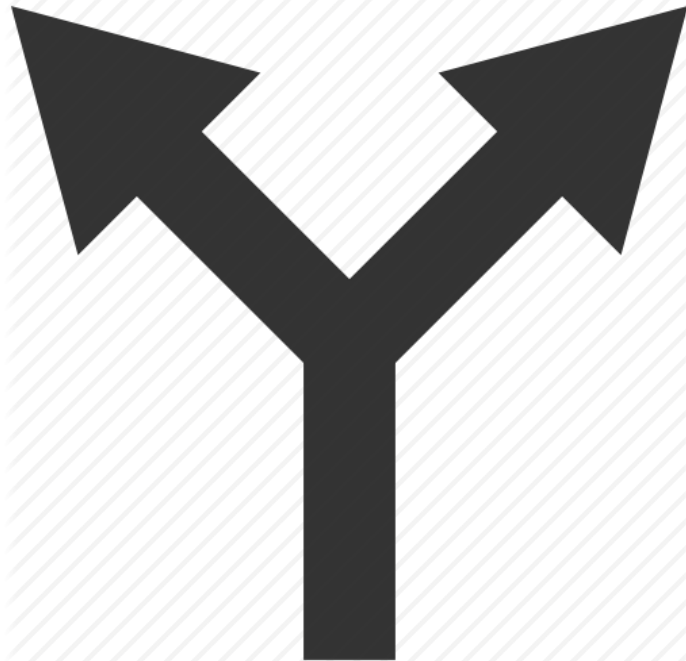
## **Compromise**



# Marriage

**Serving**

**Selfish**



# Money

## Giving

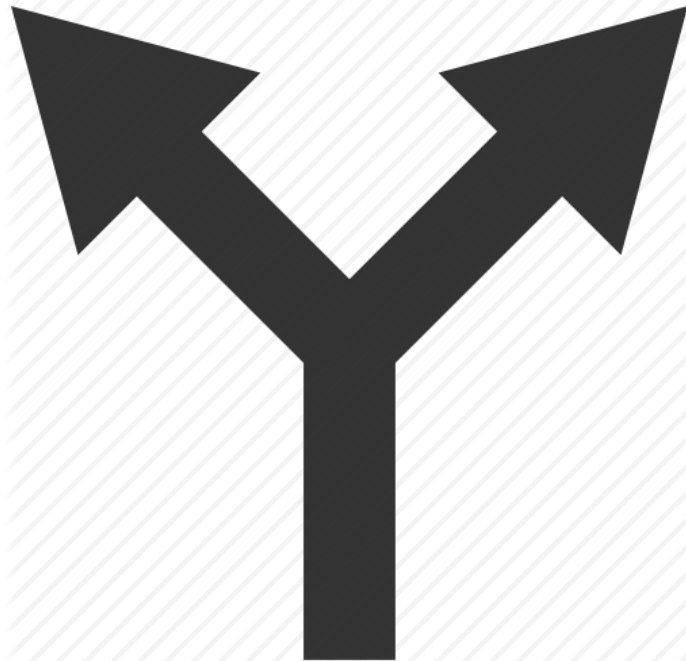
## Getting



# Training up a child

**intentional**

**too busy**

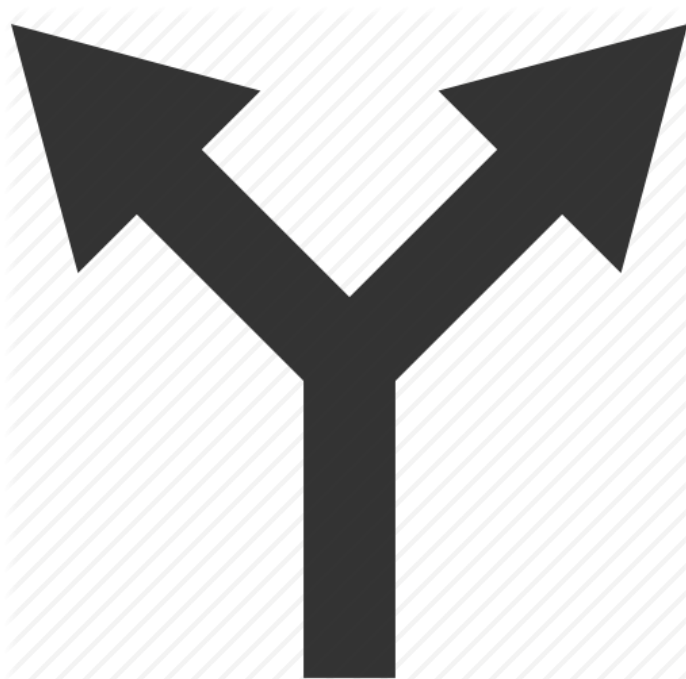




# Serving

## Humility

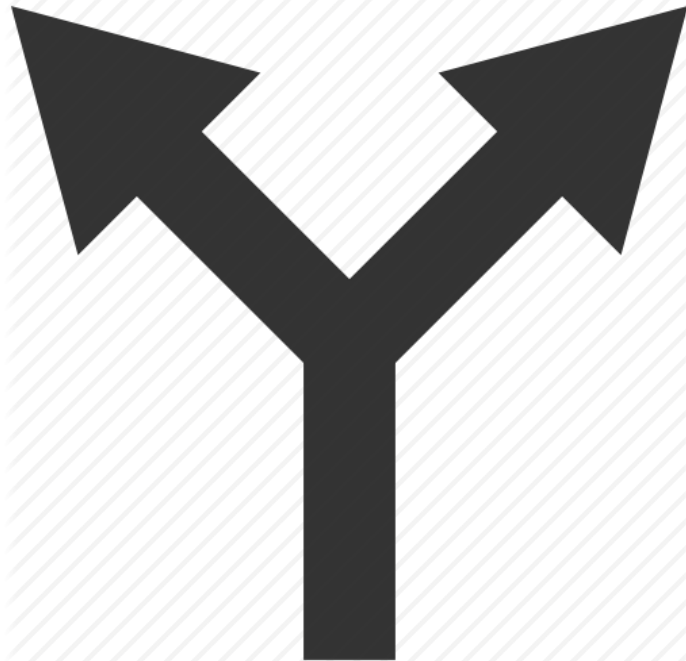
## Indifference



# the lost

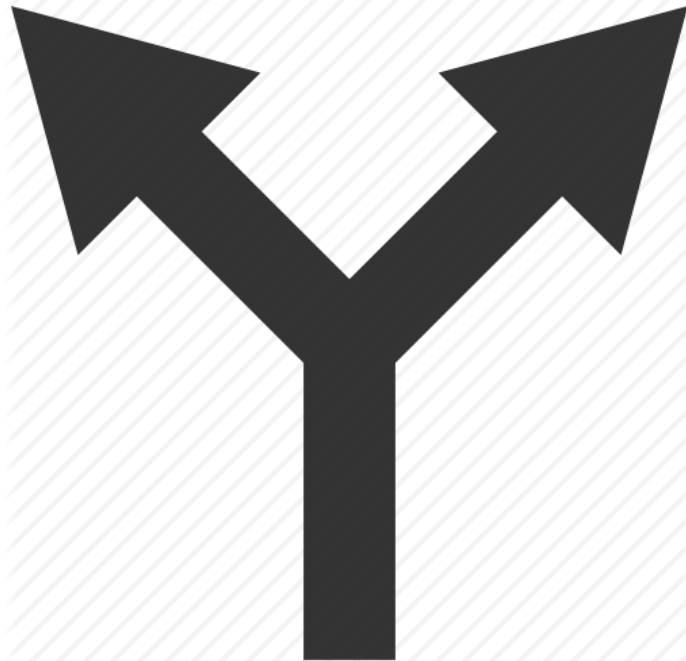
## Concern

## Critical



# Jesus

## Surrender Just Sundays



“...then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12



## *Law #2*

# Don't give in to fear

“If fear can be **conquered**, the Christian is bound to experience **freedom** in a multitude of areas.”

-J. Piper

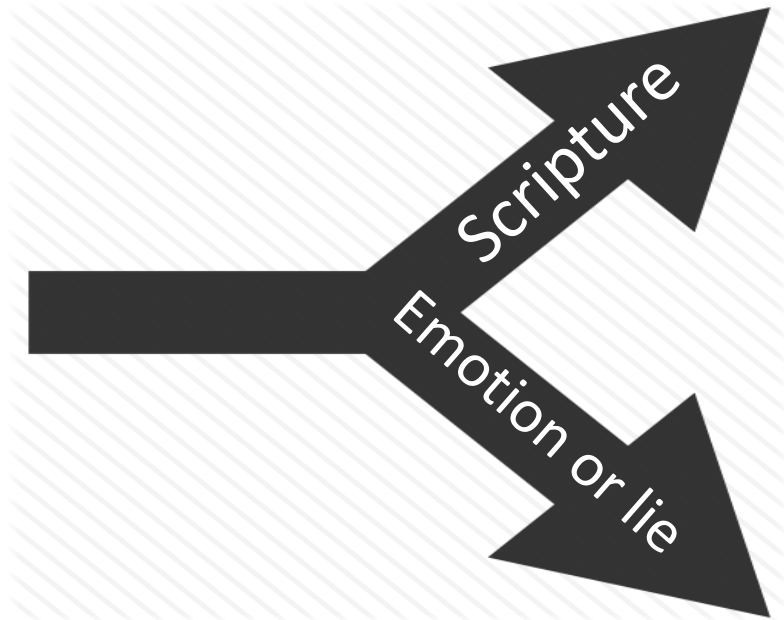
“Consequently, **faith comes** from hearing the message, and the message is heard **through the word** about Christ.”

Rom. 10:17

“So far I have memorized 102 verses, and it has made all the difference in the world. It has changed my life in the area of stress, struggle and what I turn to to get replenished. I cannot say enough about how the power of scripture memorization has changed my life.”

# The Point of Choice

**Faith**



**Fear**

And Jesus responded...

“It is written...”



## Law #3

Remember others are  
with you.

“Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”





“Then they answered Joshua, ‘**What ever you command us to do we will do.** And where ever you send us we will go. And who ever rebels against you and your words shall be put to death. **Only be strong and courageous!**’”

Joshua 1: 16-18





Peter

Jesus-

“But I have **prayed for you**, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have **turned back, strengthen your brothers.**”

Luke 22:32

What to do:

Memorize **1** verse to overcome fear.

Write down **2** stories of God's faithfulness to you.

Write down the names of **3** people you influence.