



Part 5: The Crowd-Pleaser

GET GOING

Many people today are unwilling to make a clear and firm commitment to Christ. They are torn between the many voices they hear every day – the voices of culture, the voices of family, and the voices of their own fear. Others are unwilling to take their next step in their walk with Christ for the same reasons. Fear-based indecision can paralyze us, so how can we move past our fear and take a next step?

DISCUSS

1. We all have decisions we have put off. What is one decision you wish you made earlier in life?
2. Read John 18:33-40. Pilate wasn't interested in wrestling with truth or getting real answers. Why is apathy so dangerous in our spiritual life?
3. What are some things that cause people to examine their faith or investigate faith when they were otherwise apathetic or indifferent?
4. Read John 19:1-16. How did Pilate's plan of trying to appease the crowd backfire on him?
5. Why can't we pacify the crowd and listen to God? Describe a time when you tried to do both and what the outcome was?
6. How has fear kept you from believing or following Jesus whole-heartedly?
7. What's one next step that you've put off for too long? How can we help you take that next step?

WRAP IT UP

Don't let the fear of the unknown keep you from taking a next step! Jesus has an open invitation to follow Him. Will you take the step of belief?

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. -Revelation 3:20