

Hinge Points

At 58 years of age I can look back on my life and see two undeniable points where my life dramatically changed directions. The first one was my 16th birthday. Turning 16 is supposed to be one of those big birthdays in life. Not only can you drive, you start to feel like an adult. My 16th birthday started by me going to school to take a test during first period. Then my sister picked me up to take me to the Oklahoma City courthouse for my parents’ divorce hearing. The judge took me back into his chambers and asked me who I preferred to live with, my mother or my father. My sister and I left the courthouse and got some lunch. She took me to the DMV and I got my driver’s license. Then she took me back to school for basketball practice. After practice a friend gave me a ride to my newly broken home. It was at that time that my life began to spiral out of control. I became a person that I am ashamed of today.

Fast forward four years to my second hinge point. I was sitting in the Dean’s office at a Christian college waiting to find out if I was being kicked out of school and sent back home. By their rules my actions were completely deserving of being expelled. Before the Dean entered I had a heart to heart moment with God. I confessed to God that I had driven my life off the road and into the ditch by my actions and my attitude. Then I committed to God that regardless of the Dean’s decision I was truly going to make Him the Lord of my life. Fortunately I was able to stay in school. Since that day I have not lived perfectly but I have lived committed.

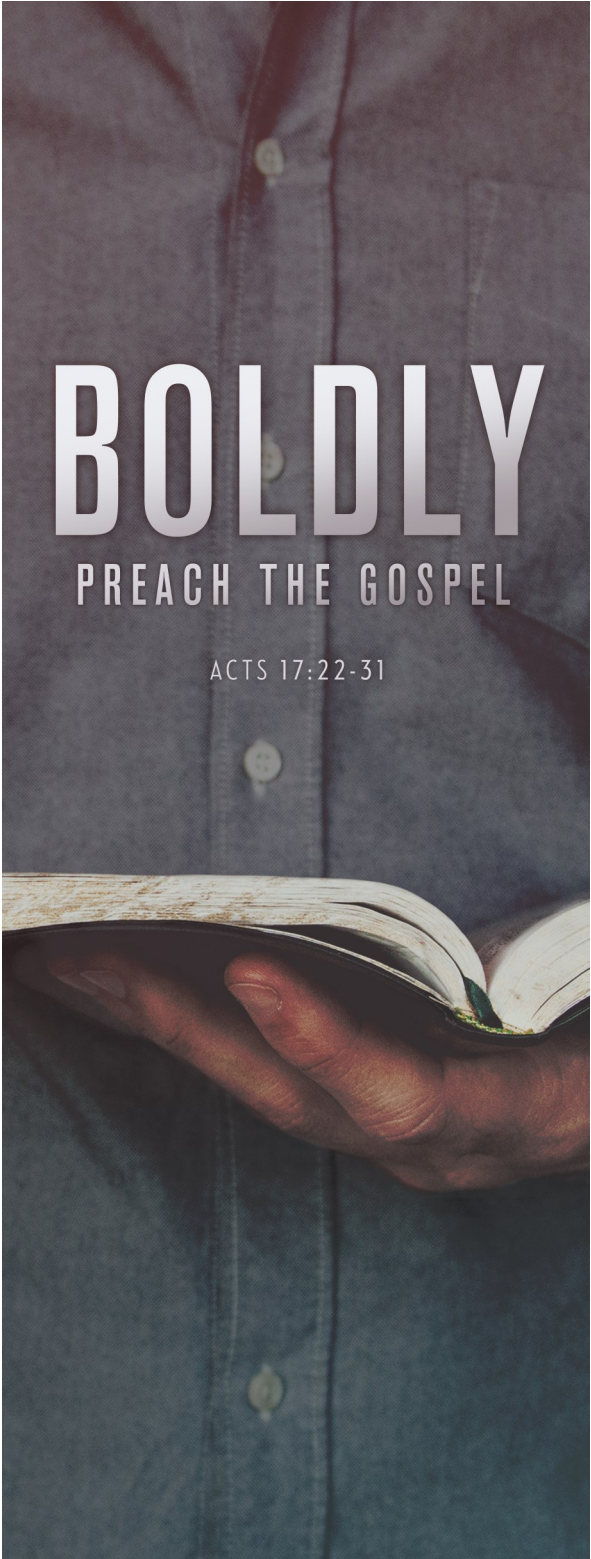
What I have now realized is that these two hinge points were not about the events that occurred in my life. They were about the decisions that I freely chose to make.

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15

We can use events in our lives as excuses for our mistakes. The truth is that is all comes down to the choices we make. We can choose to follow God or we can choose to live for ourselves playing the victim card. God has done all He can to save you. Now the choice is yours.

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