

DEFINING moments

Week 2—Defining Moments for a Powerful Man (Pilate)

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Several years after he allowed Jesus to be crucified, Pontius Pilate was arrested and exiled to a remote island, where he ended up taking his own life; a sad ending for a man who once had appeared so powerful. But Pilate's defining moment in life came several years before when he failed to recognize who was in control and who really had the power in his life. Many of us will have a defining moment in our lives as well when we recognize who's in control and who really has the power in our life.

Pilate had to answer three questions in his defining moment. There are three questions that we need to answer whenever we're making a decision as well:

1. What's _____ ?
2. Who will I _____ ?
3. Who's in _____ ?

Two signs that you may be trying to play God:

1. When you are making _____.
2. When you are trying to control things that _____.

KEY SCRIPTURE *on the back* >>

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KEY SCRIPTURE

John 18:33-38

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?' 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?' Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.' You are a king then!' said Pilate. Jesus answered, 'You are right in saying that I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.' 'What is truth?' Pilate asked.

John 18:38-40

"I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release the 'king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'No not him! Give us Barabbas!' Now Barrabas had taken part in a rebellion."

John 19:6-10

"As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, 'Crucify!' 'Crucify!' But Pilate answered, 'You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.' The Jews insisted, 'We have a law and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.' When Pilate

heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. 'Where do you come from?' he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. 'Do you refuse to speak to me?' Pilate said. 'Don't you realize I have power to either free you or to crucify you?'"

John 19:11

Jesus answered, 'You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.'

ADDITIONAL VERSES:

Jeremiah 6:16

Galatians 1:10

Acts 4:27-28

Philippians 4:6-7



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