

Answer Key:

What is a Crossroad?

- intersect
- decision

Which way to go!

- personal / relational
- money
- sexuality
- relationships

Standing at a Crossroad...

- MY PAST
- guilt
- pursuing
- seizing

Three different people...

- 1. friend
- 2. sideline
- 3. treadmill

Choosing the Right direction...

- 1. action - packed
- despicable
- innocent
- murderer
- 2. moment
- genuine
- retell
- 3. Transformation
- destroyer
- missionary
- tender

Standing at a Crossroads

Jeremiah 6:16 NIV

*"This is what the LORD says: **"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..."**"*

Introductory Statement

What do you do when the road you are traveling through life, and you come to a Crossroad, and you don't know which way to go? There are Crossroads in life that stop us in our pursuit of happiness, wholeness, and spiritual maturity. To decide what to do, you also must stop, ask God!

What is a Crossroad?

- Where roads _____.
- A point at which a vital _____ has to be made.

Which way to go?

- The decisions that we know if we make the wrong choice they are going to result in _____ and _____ consequences are made right at here at this crossroad!
- _____!
- _____!

The world's way is a lot easier! It is alluring! It is seductive! It is tempting! It is easier to walk!

• _____!

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The world's way is a lot easier!

But it leads to destruction!

Standing at a Crossroad...

•The first roadblock that is keeping me from going God's way, is

_____!

•The big deal about our past is that it brings up

_____!

•Guilt is a roadblock that keeps us from _____
God's way.

•Guilt keeps us from _____ God sized opportunities.

Three different people...

1. My _____: *"My past would not play well at church."*
2. The _____ Christian: *"but my past, if they knew, so they sit on the side lines."*
3. The _____ Christian: *"intimacy with God, it just feels like you cannot get real close to God." YOU HEAR IT, but...*

Choosing the right direction...

1. The _____ -
_____ Past.

Acts 8:1-3 NIV

"And Saul was there, giving approval to his death. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison."

- Saul was a _____ human being.
- He had _____ blood on his hands.
- He was a _____ who was against people whose only crime was being that Jesus was who He said He was, the Messiah.

Acts 26:10-11 NLT

"I caused many believers there to be sent to prison. And I cast my vote against them when they were condemned to death. Many times I had them punished in the synagogues to get them to curse Jesus. I was so violently opposed to them that I even chased them down in foreign cities."

What was the church doing?

Acts 8:4-7 NLT

"But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city."

Spreading the Good News!

2. The _____ of truth, Conversion!

Acts 9: 3-9 NLT

"As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one! Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink."

•When someone goes through a _____
conversion no one can pretend or disguise it.

Acts 9:26-27 NLT

"When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer! Then Barnabas brought him!"

- _____ your story so God gets the glory
for bringing you out of SIN.

3. The Incredible _____

Acts 9:20-21 NLT

"And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!" All who heard him were amazed. "Isn't this the same man who caused such devastation among Jesus' followers in Jerusalem?" they asked. "And didn't he come here to arrest them and take them in chains to the leading priests?"

- He went from a _____ to become a follower.
 - The leader of an Anti-Jesus movement becomes a _____ for Jesus.
 - A terror becomes _____.

1 Timothy 1:15-16 NLT

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life."

Romans 4:7-8 NLT

"Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of sin."

Three different people...

(What does it mean for you?)

1. My **friend**, *"He does not want you to waste your life. He wants YOU to use your life."*
2. The **sideline** Christian, *"Jesus paid for your past, He does not want you sitting on the side lines any longer. **YOU MOVE PAST YOUR PAST BECAUSE GOD HAS!**"*
3. The **treadmill** Christian, *sins not counted against you anymore, believe it, move past your past."*

1 John 1:9 NCV

"But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because we can trust God to do what is right. He will cleanse us from all the wrongs we have done."

THE PROBLEM

You want to OWE it and CONTROL it, it cannot be past until you let go of it, God has already. So why are you holding on to it?

Philippians 3:13-14 NIV

"Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, press on toward the goal to win..."