

More of YOU, less of me  
A time to surrender

### #Life Choices

“Our lives belong to the Lord and so do our decisions”

In the fifth week of our series on SURRENDER, we will be looking at surrendering our decisions

Esther is known in scripture for the courageous decision she made to save the Israel nation from the hands of Haman. So often in life we are faced with decisions, some are good and some are bad. Today we will look at why we make good/bad decisions, how we can change this and also how are decisions will often impact our future and the lives of others.

***“But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint”.*** – Isaiah 40:31

## Prayers

- For church members who are unwell and/or who can no longer attend.
- For the Lunch Club and all who attend
- For Amy, Ben and their families
- For open doors/opportunities to serve/help our community
- For the ongoing violence and suffering in Yemen, Sudan, DRC and Syria
- For Mary's continued recovery
- For missionaries and how they serve and share the Gospel with others
- For the rise in fatal shootings and murders in London
- For those who have to flee their homes due to violence
- For baby Alfie Evans and his family
- For the family and friends of those who lost their lives in the Toronto attack
- For the attack on Christians in the DRC
- For the Windrush citizens
- For world leaders
- For peace

## Today's Service

- Bible Reading

## Esther 4:1-17

- **Songs**
  - ❖ Be still for the presence of the Lord
  - ❖ King of Kings Majesty
  - ❖ Ancient of Days
  - ❖ Guide me o Thou great Redeemer
  - ❖ I give You my heart (theme song)

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## Action Points

1. Take some time to reflect on some of the decisions you have made good and bad ones
2. Consider one thing you have learnt from a bad decision you have made
3. God will often place us in a position for a reason, how does your position affect your decision making?
4. Who do you consult before making decisions?
5. How good are you are at waiting? What about before making a decision?
6. Test yourself this week on waiting before acting

## Notices

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

- Next Lunch club will be on **TUESDAY 8 May 2018**
- Please continue to support our emergency food parcel cupboard by bringing in some things off the list in the foyer when you can
- **All-Age service – 27 May 20178 – followed by bring and share lunch**
- **ALPHA** begins **Sunday 3 June - 6.30PM – 8PM** and runs fortnightly on a Sunday evening
- Gathering for prayer **every Sunday Morning 9.45-10.15AM**
- The Great Get Together – Ladywood at Ladywood community centre – **23 June 11AM – 3PM**

*The church has a number of things to get involved with such as the sound desk, serving communion, leading prayer and making tea and coffee - let us know if feel able to get involved in some way*

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- **Flower Rota** - 13 May – Joy
  - **Prayer** - 13 May – Mike
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## Prayer for the Week

Lord I give you my heart  
I give you my soul  
I live for you alone  
Every breath that I take  
Every moment I'm awake  
Lord have Your way in me

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**[REPEAT VERSE]**

Father God,

Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will.

All that I am and all that I possess, You have given me: I surrender it all to You too be disposed of according to Your will.

Give me only Your love and grace; with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more.

IN JESUS NAME

**AMEN**

A prayer by St. Ignatius (modernised)

