

NEXT STEP: SAY YES

**DECIDE _____ &
_____ FOR JESUS**

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death,
between blessings and curses...Oh, that you would choose life,
so that you and your descendants might live!
– Deuteronomy 30:19 NLT

Saying "YES" to Jesus? Let us know by checking in on the app,
double-circling "say yes" on your Check-In card, or text YES to
603-225-2550. Let us celebrate your decision with you & resource you
for your new life in Christ with the booklet devotional "You Said Yes."

"Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will
also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But everyone
who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father
in heaven. – Matthew 10:32-33 NLT

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to
reflect upon and apply what you've heard.

1. **Which part of today's message stood out to you and why?**
2. **Jesus describes his way as "strait" or "constrained."**
What does he mean by this?
3. **What does deciding definitively & publicly for Jesus look like for you?**

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CORNERSTONE TOP THREE

Find the Top Three at the bottom of
our home page! See CornerstoneNH.org and scroll down.

1. **New teams begin 9/8.** Sign up for a team this summer and you'll know where you're serving in the fall.
2. **Pray for our next place.** Look for the "I'm Praying" button in the app, or click the link at CornerstoneNH.org.
3. **Kids Week begins Monday 8/5.** Restoration Foursquare Church is running a Vacation Bible School for kids entering K-5th grade this fall in the evenings the first week of August.

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SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

“What are my options?”

THE NARROW GATE

WHAT MAKES FOLLOWING JESUS DIFFERENT

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT—A STUDY IN _____
PART 2.3 • TODAY: CHOICE • MATTHEW 7:13-14

THE BOTTOM LINE

CHOOSE _____

Enter through the narrow gate... – Matthew 7:13a CSB

THE “WHAT?” & “SO WHAT?” OF THE SERMON O/T MOUNT

♦ JESUS IS DEMONSTRATING OUR NEED FOR A

...you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!”

– Matthew 5:20b NLT

**“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the
righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the**

Pharisees... – Matthew 5:20a NLT

♦ JESUS IS DEMONSTRATING OUR NEED FOR HIS

**“Don’t think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I
did not come to abolish but to fulfill.” – Matthew 5:20a NLT**

THE STRUCTURE OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT...

◆ WHO: _____

"Blessed..." – Matthew 5:3-12

◆ WHAT: _____

"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world..."
– Matthew 5:13-16

◆ WHAT: _____

"...Don't do your good deeds publicly..." – Matthew 6:1
"Don't store up treasures here on earth..." – Matthew 6:19
"Do not judge others..." – Matthew 7:1

◆ THE BOTTOM LINE: _____

"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets."
– Matthew 7:12 NLT

◆ NOW WHAT: _____

"Enter through the narrow gate..." – Matthew 7:13 CSB
"Beware of false prophets..." – Matthew 7:15 NLT
"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock..." – Matthew 7:24 NLT

CHOOSE **JESUS**

"Enter through the narrow gate." – Matthew 7:13a CSB

Choosing Jesus is a _____
that calls for an _____.

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. – John 1:12 NLT



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16 NIV

And do not let your people practice fortune-telling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft, or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead. – Deuteronomy 18:10b-11 NLT

YOUR CHOICES ARE DIFFERENT IN

"Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, – Matthew 7:13a-b CSB

The way is "constrained" in two ways: Jesus is the only way of _____, and _____ is unavoidable.



YOUR CHOICES ARE DIFFERENT IN

...and there are many who go through it. – Matthew 7:13c CSB



How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.
– Matthew 7:14a CSB

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Most...believed that they were saved by virtue of descent from Abraham...Yet Jesus regards the assumption of salvation as a _____ ... – Craig S. Keener: 2009: 250

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The Principle of the Path: _____, not _____, determines your destination.

– Andy Stanley

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By the same word, the present heavens and earth are stored up for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. – 2 Peter 3:7 CSB

So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. – Matthew 7:19 NLT

Then I will announce to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!' – Matthew 7:23 CSB

The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash."
– Matthew 7:27 CSB



How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it. – Matthew 7:14a CSB