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### I Decided to Start

The \_\_\_\_\_ you make \_\_\_\_\_ determine the \_\_\_\_\_ you'll tell \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>2</sup> Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,... Hebrews 12:2a (NIV)

I decided to:

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### The Story Behind the Story

<sup>4</sup> Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. <sup>5</sup> So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion." Daniel 6:4-5 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

Daniel 6:10 (NLT)

- What does God want you to want?

<sup>13</sup> Meanwhile a prophet came to Ahab king of Israel and announced, "This is what the LORD says: 'Do you see this vast army? I will give it into your hand today, and then you will know that I am the LORD.' " <sup>14</sup> "But who will do this?" asked Ahab. The prophet replied, "This is what the LORD says: 'The junior officers under the provincial commanders will do it.' " "And who will start the battle?" he asked. The prophet answered, "You will." 1 Kings 20:13-14 (NIV2011)

- What do you need to start?

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Start (or restart) a relationship with God by receiving Him as my Savior and Lord.
- Admit that I'm not certain what it is that God wants me to want but I am going to pray that God will help me to discover that before this series concludes.
- Decide to live a story worth telling as I make a commitment to address an area of need in my life by starting a discipline that will help me grow in that area.
- Meditate on and/or memorize 1 Kings 20:14b - "And who will start the battle?" he asked. The prophet answered, "You will."