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I Decided to Stay

The _____ you make _____
determine the _____ you'll tell _____.

Sometimes the best decision you can make is to _____
when it would be easier to _____.

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

Four Decisions

I decided to:

- Start
- Stop
- Stay
- Go

The Story Behind the Story

¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." ¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Ruth 1:15-16 (NIV)

¹¹ Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband--how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. ¹² May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." Ruth 2:11-12 (NIV)

- What does God want you to want?
- Where does God want you to stay?

⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Fix my eyes on Jesus, asking Him to become the author and finisher of my life.
- Say no to what would be easy and to stay the course in an area of my life that I want to walk away from.
- Believe that God honors my faithfulness, especially when it has taken me through struggles and difficulty.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Galatians 6:9