

# Morning Lesson

## WHO IS AT THE CONTROLS?

Josh. 24:15

### INTRO:

1. "If life is a flight through time, who is in the cockpit? If life is a joyride, who is behind the wheel? If life is a voyage, who is at the helm?"
2. Decisions determine direction. **Josh. 24:15**
3. Direction determines destiny. **Matt. 7:13, 14**
4. Will we ascend or descend at judgment?
5. It depends on who makes our decisions.

### I. ME.

- A. *Invictus* is often quoted at high school graduations.
  1. It was written by William Ernest Henley.
  2. "...*I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of My soul.*"
- B. The bible is filled with examples of those who had self on life's throne.
  1. The rich farmer. **Luke 12:16-21**
  2. Nebuchadnezzar. **Dan. 4:30-37**
  3. Moses (momentarily). **Num. 20:8-12**
  4. Felix. **Acts 24:25**
  5. Agrippa. **Acts 26:28**
  6. The prodigal son. **Luke 15:11-32**
- C. We will never be able to pull ourselves from the pit of sin. **Rom. 6:17, 23**
- D. Me is not a safe guide for life. **Prov. 14:12; Jer. 10:23**

### II. MEN.

- A. Some allow public opinion to make their decisions.
  1. King Saul. **1 Sam. 15:24**
  2. Adam let forbidden fruit get him into a jam. **Gen. 3:6**
  3. Abraham feared Abimelech. **Gen. 20:11**
  4. Aaron made a golden calf. **Ex. 32:21-24**
  5. Pilate was too much of a people-pleasing politician. **Matt. 27:11-26**
  6. Many rulers "loved the praises of men more than the praise of God." **John 12:42, 43**
  7. Even Peter and Barnabas gave in to peer pressure. **Gal. 2:11-13**