

Pleasant Valley  
Church of Christ

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## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Classes . . . . . 9:30 am  
Worship . . . . . 10:30 am  
Evening . . . . . 6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Classes . . . . . 7:30 pm

The Pleasant Valley Church of Christ is a non-denominational group of believers who are committed to following Jesus in our attitudes, our relationships, and our worship. If you want the same thing in your life, please contact us. We'd like to help.

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the New King James Version Bible, Thomas Nelson Publishers.

# Wings



*"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles" (Isaiah 40:31)*

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## The moment of decision

by David King

"And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him" (Matt. 4:18-22).

Notice that when Jesus called these four men to be His disciples, they wasted no time making a decision. "They **immediately** left their nets and followed Him . . . **Immediately** they left the boat and their father, and followed Him." According to John, they were already familiar with Jesus (Jn. 1:35-42), and had likely already considered the pros and cons of such a move. This calling was merely a formality. But when the moment of decision came, they did not stall for time or offer half-measures. They made up their minds to accept the challenge, said goodbye to the past, and stepped boldly into their new careers. They remained committed disciples of the Master for the rest of their lives, and radically altered the course of human history.

Most people, unfortunately, struggle with difficult decisions. They will procrastinate, or let someone else make their decisions for them. When Elijah challenged the Israelites of his day to decide who they were going to follow, God or Baal, the people "did not answer him a

word" (1 Kgs. 18:21) — they couldn't make up their minds. Only after God gave a dramatic display of His power, when they could tell which way the wind was blowing, did they come down on the Lord's side (v. 38-39). Of course, their enthusiasm was short-lived, and they were soon back to their old fickle ways.

When an individual is confronted with the need for a change in his life, the decision to make that change does not grow easier with time. After seeing the resurrected Lord, Saul of Tarsus spent three days in Damascus agonizing over his condition. It took a firm nudge from Ananias to stir him to action: "**Why are you waiting?** Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins" (Ac. 22:16). Further delay would have only made the decision harder.

The same principle applies to a local church. Its future depends on the presence of people who can make decisions and carry through on them. A congregation that is comprised of members who stand around looking at each other, waiting for somebody to "do something," or make commitments that are never carried out because everyone is "too busy," will accomplish very little for the Lord, and eventually expire.

Peter, Andrew, James, and John were effective servants of the Lord because they were men of action who did not shrink back from tough decisions. Even when their decisions turned out to be wrong, they learned from their mistakes and became better men. Similar decisions face us in life; how will we respond?