

Clarifying What is at Stake

1. Identify the challenge: what is it you are facing?
2. In the pressure of the moment:
 - What are you feeling?
 - What are you thinking?
 - What are you desiring?
 - What deceptive desires are at play?
 - What are your deepest desires?
 - How are your deceptive desires connected to your deepest desires?
3. What seems to be at stake on a rational level?
4. What is truly at stake in your part of the Larger Story?
 - How will your response impact:
 - the kind of man/woman you want to be - your deepest desires
 - your ability to offer (life and growth) or invite (life and rest)
 - the unique expression of who you are (you may not yet know your unique expression)
 - fulfilling your assignments as a man/woman, particularly those related to the people you love most
 - living a life of surrender to God - a life that brings Him glory
5. What is the cost or the loss if you don't act according to what is truly at stake?
 - Right now
 - To you
 - To God
 - To your domain
 - Five years from now
6. What will the cost be to you if you choose to act according to what is truly at stake? (This is referring to "counting the cost" as described in Luke 14:28)
 - What would you have to choose to give up or maybe even sacrifice?
 - What would you need to believe?
 - What energy—emotions and desires—has been preventing you from making this choice until now?
7. What will be the gain if you act according to what is truly at stake in fulfilling your part in the Larger Story?
 - Right now
 - To you
 - To God
 - To your domain
 - Five years from now
8. What will you do?
 - What kind of man/woman will you be?
 - What will it take to follow through? (actions or beliefs. These may relate to your trust in God and His love for you, His desiring the best for you and may involve hard choices to surrender to His love and authority in your life)
 - What kind of support do you need from God and your fellowship?
 - How will you get that support?