




What Do I Do Next?

*Biblical and Ethical Responses to the Tough
Choices Facing the 21st Century Nurse*

PRESENTER'S NAME/NAMES HERE

Objectives

- ▶ *At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:*
 - Examine the tough ethical dilemmas facing nurses in their practice through shared stories.
 - Identify biblical and ethical principles found within nursing practice.
 - Discuss the application of biblical and ethical principles to case studies facing nurses in their practice today.



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dilemmas facing
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stories.

- ▶ Informed consent
- ▶ Disclosing medical conditions
- ▶ End of life care
- ▶ Incompetence among peers
- ▶ Moral distress
- ▶ Duty to self



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One Story...

Nurse's Name Here



Identify biblical
and ethical
principles found
within nursing
practice.



Reflect

- ▶ Consider: who are the people we are interacting with in our practice?
- ▶ Remember: We live in a broken world. We are called to advocacy.
- ▶ Question: What is our identity?



Scriptural Support

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy
and beloved, compassionate hearts,
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Colossians 3:12 (ESV)



Scriptural Support

And we know that for those who love God
all things work together for good, for those
who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28 (ESV)



Scriptural Support

For at one time you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light.

Ephesians 5:8 (ESV)



Ethical Principles

- ▶ Justice
- ▶ Beneficence
- ▶ Nonmaleficence
- ▶ Accountability
- ▶ Fidelity
- ▶ Autonomy
- ▶ Veracity
- ▶ Paternalism




Biblical Principles

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Living Out God's Biblical Principles

- ▶ LGBTQ
- ▶ HIV/AIDS/MRSA/C diff/Hepatitis C
- ▶ Incarceration / Criminal History
- ▶ Cultural Issues
- ▶ Mental Health Needs
- ▶ Difficult Patients / Family Members



Discuss the application of biblical and ethical principles to case studies facing nurses in their practice today.

Case Studies



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