



## *Pastor's Comments*

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### **The Fatal Choice**

Two Africans were paddling their dugout down the peaceful waters of the beautiful, blue Zambezi River. Suddenly there was a heavy thud and the dugout shook violently causing both men to lose their balance and fall into the water. Then a **vicious crocodile surfaced**. Both of the paddlers, now struggling in the water, knew they were facing death. One of the men remembered a village elder's advice that if he were ever in a crocodile-infested river, he should swim under water, **against the current**, as the crocodile always looks downstream for his prey. This he did, and after some strenuous swimming he safely got to shore. The other man thought he would make better time if he swam **with the current**. Nearing the shore, he touched bottom and quickly ran for the bank. He **almost made it** – but not quite. The bloodthirsty reptile had been following him, and just a few feet from the shore it caught his leg and dragged him under water. That was the last the man was ever seen.

This is **the mistake many are making** with respect to **their soul's destiny**. They are going **with the current**, taking **the way of least resistance**. In the end, they will discover it has been **a fatal choice**. The Bible says, "There is a way which **seemeth right** unto a man, **but the end thereof are the ways of death**" (Pro. 14:12). God's ways are often incomprehensible to our finite, human minds. God says, "...as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **my ways higher than your ways**, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Is. 55:9). This is why the prophet Isaiah said, "**Let the wicked forsake his way**, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him **return unto the Lord**, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (v.7). **God's way of salvation is Jesus Christ**. There is no other (see [www.naog.ws/theway.htm](http://www.naog.ws/theway.htm)). If you will admit your need of salvation, confess your sins to God, and receive Jesus into your heart by faith, you will be saved!

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