



Decision worksheet

A decision you can explain · for a design review, product brief or AI-assisted build · about 20 minutes

PRODUCT AND FEATURE

TEAM

DATE

Before you begin: who will this serve, and what would love for them look like here?

1 Name the person and the task

Who is doing what, in which situation? State the good it should serve, without a business metric standing in for it.

2 Examine the default

What behaviour does it encourage? Which theological or organisational assumption does it carry, and would the person using it share it?

3 Choose two plausible options

Use a pattern or guide. Where does each help, and whom does it leave out?

4 Name the cost

Attention, money, disclosure, accessibility, human responsibility. Which burden is justified, and which is avoidable?

5 Define the boundaries

What happens on failure, refusal, interruption and leaving? What is recorded, and who can see it? Who is the most vulnerable person likely to use this?

6 Choose and test

A provisional decision, the evidence behind it, a realistic test, and the result that would change your mind.

Decision

Evidence behind it

How we will test it

What would change our mind

OWNER

REVIEW DATE

Who else should see this?

A pastor or theologian, a safeguarding lead, someone from the community you serve, someone who uses assistive technology.

Example: an evening reminder. Offer a reminder the person sets, with pause, a neutral preview and a direct route to the passage. Compare it with a weekly digest. Measure whether people find it useful and can control it; do not use opens as a measure of faithfulness. Revisit if duplicate messages or pressure are reported.

For an AI-assisted build. Give your coding assistant the chosen pattern's address, the intended behaviour, the data it must not collect and the failure states. Ask for the smallest complete flow, with cancellation, accessibility and recovery. Inspect the result: generated code is not evidence that the design works.

"I planted the seed and Apollos watered it, but God made it grow" (1 Corinthians 3:6). We plant and water; the growth is God's.