

Experiencing God's Power Romans 12:1-2

What difficult decision am I currently considering?	
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"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

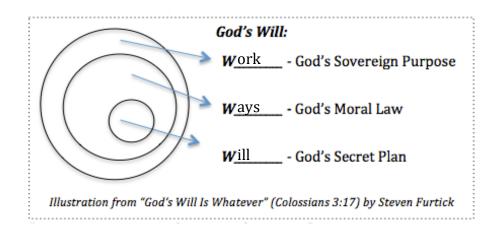
² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." - Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

"WHO BEFORE DO" Is How We Experience God's Power and Live God's Will:

3 Aspects of Who We Are Becoming As Jesus-followers:

- 1.) Children Sons and Daughters (Romans 8:15)
- 2.) Body Parts (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4)
- 3.) Pilgrims Journeying

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. – 1 Peter 2:11 (NIV)



"Direction, not intention, determines destination."

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Life Group Discussion Questions

Interested in connecting to a life group? Fill out a "Connect Card" or contact us online.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's one of the craziest or funniest decisions you've ever made?
- Have you ever experienced decision fatigue about anything? How did you end up making the decision?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Chew on this one: Who does God want you to become?
- Think about what you're asking God for. Then, answer these questions: What do I really want, why do I want it, and will this cause me to become more like Christ?

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- · What's one area of your life where you wish you knew what God wanted you to do?
- In your decisions, are you more focused on choosing the right *do*, or becoming the right *who*?
- Read Proverbs 16:2. Talk about a time you had the right motives and a time you had the wrong motives.
- Talk about why you make your decisions. Are you more often aiming to validate yourself or give glory to God? How did you come to your answer?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

God, we've probably been too focused on finding out what You want us to do, only to miss why You want us to do it—and who You want us to become. Will You change our perspective this week and give us the power to see how we can become the person You made us to be? Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What's the next step God wants you to take? When will you take it? Who will hold you to it?
- Write down your next step to become the person God wants you to be. Put it somewhere you look every day.

More Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7, Proverbs 21:2, Matthew 6:1-4, Philippians 2:3-4

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