HOW TO MAKE A DECISION
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I. MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT GOD’S GUIDANCE.

A. First, some think we cannot know God’s will-- Isaiah 55:8; Psalms 143:10 & Ephesians 5:17.

B. Second, some think God’s will is always unpleasant-- Psalm 37:4

C. Third, some think knowing God’s will is a highly emotional experience.

II. HOW THEN CAN WE KNOW GOD’S WILL?

A. First, to know God’s will, you must make sure you know God.

B. So once we’re certain that God is our Lord and Shepherd, how does He guide us? Four steps are involved.

1. The first step is to admit we need a guide.
   a. David did this— “He guides me”.
   b. This is hard for most, especially men—Isaiah 53:6.

2. The second step is to ask in faith for God’s guidance.
   a. Jesus says this—Matthew 7:7.
   b. David did this— “He guides me.”
   c. James says we need faith too—James 1:5-6a.

3. The third step is to listen for God’s guidance.
b. What do we listen for? How does God speak today?

i. The Bible is the primary way.

ii. Circumstances.

iii. Other people.

iv. Impressions.

v. Common Sense.

vi. Pain

4. The fourth step is to trust God when his guidance isn’t obvious—Proverbs 4:18; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalms 23:3