

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.
 - a. Job says this—Job 33:14a.

- 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