

A decision making guide.

Acts 21:1-16

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

(Psalm 25:4 ESV)

1. Stop worrying about God's will for your life. (Acts 21:1-6)

- a. Paralysis by analysis is common. "Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous, you get knocked down on both sides."
Margaret Thatcher
- b. God's will for our life is God's will for this moment. (Prov 3:5-6)
- c. Some confuse the easy path with the path of obedience. "To choose to suffer means that there is something wrong; to choose God's will even if it means suffering is a very different thing. No healthy saint ever chooses suffering; he chooses God's will, as Jesus did, whether it means suffering or not."
J. Oswald Sanders.

2. God has a will or a preferred path for us, and he does not intend for it to be a mystery. (Acts 21:7-13)

- a. God leads us through His Spirit.
- b. God leads us through His Word.
- c. God leads us through good counselors.

3. Knowing God's will is vastly different from obeying it. (Acts 21:14-16)

- a. Many understand God's way, but they prefer to ignore it.
- b. Obedience comes at a cost.

Questions for application and discussion:

"At this critical moment in history, the Lord needs men and women who know how to make wise choices... If I am a Christian, my every decision should be a Christian decision." Dr. David Jeremiah

1. What makes a decision a Christian decision? Why is good decision making so important these days?
2. What can happen if we focus on God's will for our lives more than God's will for this moment?
3. How are you currently allowing God to lead you through his Spirit, His Word and good counselors? Why does it matter where we receive counsel?