

# SERMON NOTES:

Recalculating | Part 5: A Guide on the Inside

Because God has made us as he made us; and the world is what the world has become – three things are remain true:

1. **Change** has and will always confront us.
2. **Decisions** and **Choices** will always need to be made.
3. **Discernment** and **Wisdom** remain essential to living life well.

You and I can choose to trust and walk things out in our flesh – ourselves and our given limitations.

Or we can choose to trust and walk things out by His Spirit in us – which is without limitation.

**Matthew 16:24-25** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup>If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.”

**What we all need is a Guide on the Inside.**

**Ephesians 1:13b** New International Version (NIV)

<sup>13</sup>...When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

**Galatians 5:16-17** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>16</sup>So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. <sup>17</sup>The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

**Galatians 5:24-25** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. <sup>25</sup>Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

**John 14:26** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>26</sup>But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

**He guides us to the truth.**

**John 16:13** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

**He guides us away from sin.**

**Galatians 5:16** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>16</sup>So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

**He guides us to our purpose.**

**Luke 4:18** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,  
that the blind will see,  
that the oppressed will be set free,

**He guides us to the will of God.**

**Psalms 143:10** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God.  
May your gracious Spirit lead me forward  
on a firm footing.

**Psalms 32:8-9** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>8</sup> The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.  
I will advise you and watch over you.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a senseless horse or mule  
that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.”

**Isaiah 30:21** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>21</sup> Your own ears will hear him.  
Right behind you a voice will say,  
“This is the way you should go,”  
whether to the right or to the left.

**James 1:5** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>5</sup> If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

**Proverbs 2:6** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord grants wisdom!  
From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

**Psalms 25:4-5** New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> Show me the right path, O Lord;  
point out the road for me to follow.  
<sup>5</sup> Lead me by your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God who saves me.  
All day long I put my hope in you.