

## Warming Up

- Have you ever had a time where what looked like an "open door" turned out harder than expected?
    - How did you respond in that season?
  - When you hear the phrase "God's will," what kind of emotions or thoughts come to mind?
    - Why do you think we often expect clarity when Scripture shows us even Paul lived with uncertainty?
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## Digging Deeper

- **Read 1 Corinthians 16:5–7.** What do these verses reveal about Paul's own uncertainty in following what God is leading him to do?
    - Do you think God allows us to live with *limited clarity* instead of *absolute certainty*? Why?
  - **Read 1 Corinthians 16:8–9.** What does Paul mean by an "open door" that also comes with "many adversaries?"
    - How might opposition actually confirm that we are walking in God's will instead of the opposite?
  - Paul told the church to not fault Timothy for being young (**1 Corinthians 16:10-11, 1 Timothy 4:12**). What does this teach us about power struggles in the church?
  - Why is love (**1 Corinthians 16:14**) the ultimate answer to power struggles and disagreements?
    - Big picture: What do these passages teach us about what life looks like in the "center of God's will"?
  - How does this challenge our "romantic" or "idealized" view of the Christian life?
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## Bringing It Home

- When you face decisions, how do you usually discern if it's an open or closed door? What's an example in your life, recently or otherwise?
    - How can you bring God's Word and wise counsel into that process more intentionally this week?
  - What would it look like for you to "do what seems best" in faith, and trust God to adjust your course if needed?
    - Where do you need to release fear or hyper-spiritual expectations and instead rest in God's providence?
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**Pray together!**