

Summer Series
Doors

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Revelation 3:7-8 What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.

Ephesians 5:17 “Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.”

Psalms 139:16 “Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

2 Keys to finding the Right Door:

1. God's moral will.

Romans 5:20 “But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.”

Romans 6:1-2 “Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”

✓ What am I doing that I should not be doing?

Proverbs 4:25-27 “Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.”

✓ What am I not doing that I should be doing?

1 Peter 4:2 “As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.”

2. God's sovereign will.

Acts 20:22-24 “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.”

✓ The prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 20:22 “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem...”

Job 32:18-19 “For I am full of words, and the spirit within me compels me; inside I am like bottled-up wine, like new wineskins ready to burst.”

- ✓ Certain uncertainty.

Acts 20:22 “...I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.”

1 Corinthians 16:5-9 “After I go through Macedonia, I will come to you—for I will be going through Macedonia. **Perhaps** I will stay with you awhile, or even spend the winter, so that you can help me on my journey, **wherever I go**. I do not want to see you now and make only a passing visit; **I hope** to spend some time with you, **if the Lord permits**. But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.”

- ✓ Predictable resistance.

Acts 20:23 “I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.”

1 Thessalonians 2:18 “For we wanted to come to you--certainly I, Paul, did, again and again--but Satan stopped us.”

- ✓ Focused determination.

Acts 20:24 “However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus Christ has given me— the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.”

Walk Away: The more I get to know the moral will of God and the sovereign will of God, the better I will find God’s will for my life.

Romans 8:28 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

2 Corinthians 6:2 “For he says, ‘In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.’ I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.