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Message #4

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MAKING WISE DECISIONS

1. How are you doing with Chris' Proverbs Bible reading challenge? What has God revealed to you as you've leaned into Him through this challenge?
2. Have you ever had to make a decision that kept you up through the night? What was it? How did you come to a decision?
3. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What does "wanting what God wants more than you want mean"? Would you say this is how you live life or not so much? Where can you use some improvement to live this out?
4. What does it look like to surrender your will to God? Think of a practical example of when you surrendered your will to God - what happened? Can you think of a time when you chose your own will over God's? What happened in that situation? Can you see the benefit of surrendering what you want to God?
5. Chris said, "Humility is the first key to wisdom." How does this statement sit with you? Have you learned this from any life experience? Share with the group.
6. What is humility? How is humility tied to wisdom? Where do you do well with humility? Where do you struggle with humility? What will you do to get your heart right about humility?
7. Read Proverbs 30:5-6 and 2 Timothy 3:16. What do these passages mean? How do they apply to your everyday life?
8. The second step Chris gave us was to check God's Word? What does this mean to check God's Word? Does it mean when you face a decision to open God's Word and try to find an answer, or does it mean to be in God's Word daily so His Word transforms your thinking and guides you daily (Romans 12:2)? How are you doing with this? What will you do to adopt this step?
9. Read Proverbs 12:13 and Proverbs 19:20-21. What does this say about the need to seek wise, Godly council? What is wise, Godly council? How can you tell or know if the council you are seeking is wise and Godly? How can you find wise, Godly council?

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10. How well are you doing with step 4: Slow down and let God bring clarity? What does it mean to slow down? Do you struggle with this? Do you typically feel like you need to make quick decisions to keep people around you happy, even if you haven't given God the time and space to bring clarity or peace? Are there areas in your life where you need to slow down, be still, and know that He is God so He can bring you clarity? What do you need to do to apply this step to your life?
11. What does it mean to trust God that He has you? Do you think you can trust God? Why or why not? Read Romans 8:28. What does that say about trusting God?
12. Chris mentioned that if you are in rebellion to God, then this step (Trust that God has you even if you make the wrong decision) does not apply to you. What does it mean to be in rebellion to God? Are you living or acting in rebellion to God? Read 1 John 1:8-9. We know from this scripture passage (as well as many others) that when we are in rebellion to God, He is waiting with open arms to welcome us back into His will and forgive us if we will just humble ourselves and repent from (turn away) our sin. If you are in rebellion to God, will you repent and accept His forgiveness?
13. Do you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Trusting Jesus as your Savior by confessing and repenting of your sins and making Him Lord of your life by accepting His will over your own is the first step in being able to trust God that He always intends for your best interests. If you haven't accepted Jesus' forgiveness of your sins and made Him Lord of your life, what's stopping you? Will you do that now?
14. Can you think of a time in your life when the points of this sermon would have helped you make a decision or avoid pain? Is this something you can share with your group?
15. Read James 3:13. What does this verse say about your next decision?
16. Have there been times in your life when you have applied the principles covered in this sermon that helped you make a decision? Can you share one of those experiences with your group?
17. Are you facing a decision in life right now? What's the next right thing you can do? How can you take that step humbly?