God Family Country

# GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

# Stuck or Stopped?

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Scripture quotation is from the King James Version (KJV), public domain in the United States.

## Highlighted Scripture

- **Matthew 6:33 (KJV)**

  *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."*

  Jesus speaks about worry over daily needs and the Father's care. He calls his followers to put God's reign and righteousness first. Donnie applies that priority to decisions: seek God with a willingness to obey, rather than merely asking him to approve a preferred outcome. The verse does not promise instant certainty about every choice. It directs the whole of life toward God while trusting him with our needs.

## Discussion Questions

- Donnie asks, 'Am I really stuck, or am I just stopped?' Think of one unresolved decision. What part involves a genuine limitation or missing information, and what part might involve fear or reluctance to act?
- What would putting God's kingdom and righteousness first change about the way you evaluate a job, a move, a commitment, or an ordinary daily choice?
- Have you ever asked for God's guidance while hoping he would confirm an answer you had already chosen? How could you become more open to a different direction?
- Donnie acknowledges that an answer may take time. What is the difference between patient, prayerful waiting and using uncertainty to avoid a responsibility that is already clear?
- What would surrender look like in your present decision? Name one small, responsible step that expresses trust without rushing ahead or trying to control the whole outcome.

## Reflection Challenge

Choose one decision you have been postponing. Over the next three days, bring it to God with an open heart. Separate what you already know from what remains uncertain, then take one responsible step toward clarity or obedience.

**Ask yourself:**

- What am I protecting by leaving this decision unresolved: comfort, approval, control, or something else?
- Which option best reflects the character and priorities of Jesus?
- What information, wise counsel, or practical help do I still need?

- What can I faithfully do today, even if I cannot settle the entire question?

**Try this:**

- Write the decision in one sentence. List the facts, the unknowns, and the people who will be affected.
- Read Matthew 6:33 within Jesus' teaching about daily needs and worry. Pray for a willing heart, not only for a preferred answer.
- Speak with a mature believer who will listen carefully and help you examine your motives and responsibilities.
- Choose one small step with a realistic time to review it: gather a needed fact, begin a conversation, fulfill a clear responsibility, or make space for prayerful waiting.

## Remember

- Seek God's kingdom as a way of life, not only when a major decision arrives.
- Honest self-examination can reveal when hesitation has become avoidance.
- Real limitations and patient waiting are not the same as refusing to obey.
- Donnie's fence picture invites reflection; it is not a test for judging someone else's faith.
- Surrender means being willing to follow God's priorities, including when they challenge your preference.
- A faithful next step may be small, careful, and taken before every uncertainty disappears.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father,

You know the decisions before me and the reasons I hesitate. Help me seek your kingdom and righteousness first. Show me where fear, comfort, or a need for control is keeping me from a responsibility you have made clear.

Give me wisdom to recognize real limits, patience while I wait, and courage when it is time to act. Make me willing to receive counsel and consider an answer different from the one I expected. Help me surrender my preferences without neglecting the people and responsibilities you have entrusted to me.

Guide my next faithful step. Teach me to trust your care as I move toward a life shaped by your will.

In Jesus' name, Amen.