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How to Discern God's Will

Acts 2:36-42: "So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!"³⁷ Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"³⁸ Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." ⁴⁰ Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!"⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

Acts 7:30-36: "Forty years later, in the desert near Mount Sinai, an angel appeared to Moses in the flame of a burning bush. **31** When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight. As he went to take a closer look, the voice of the Lord called out to him, **32** 'I am the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.' Moses shook with terror and did not dare to look. **33** "Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. **34** I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groans and have come down to rescue them. Now go, for I am sending you back to Egypt.' **35** "So God sent back the same man his people had previously rejected when they demanded, 'Who made you a ruler and judge over us?' Through the angel who appeared to him in the burning bush, God sent Moses to be their ruler and savior. **36** And by means of many wonders and miraculous signs, he led them out of Egypt, through the Red Sea, and through the wilderness for forty years.