

God Just Tell Me- 3 Notes

- **God's Sovereign Will** – what God ordains (it will happen no matter what)
- **God's Moral Will** – how God calls us to live
- **God's Permissive Will** – what God allows
- **God's Personal Will**- How God guides us

- *Open doors*
- *Closed doors*
- *Frustrated plans*
- *Everyday decisions*

Open Doors

8 In the meantime, I will be staying here at Ephesus until the Festival of Pentecost. **9** There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me.

1 Cor. 16:8-9

A wide-open door...

And many people are opposing him.

The bigger the opportunity, the bigger the opposition.

***Sometimes a blessing feels like a burial—
because you're burying what's comfortable
and stepping into who God is calling you to become.***

Closed Doors

26 Then the angel of the Lord moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. **27** When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff. **28** Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

29 Balaam answered the donkey, "You have made a fool of me! If only I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now."

30 The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?"

"No," he said.

31 Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown.

32 The angel of the Lord asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me.^[a] **33** The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away, I would certainly have killed you by now, but I would have spared it."

34 Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, "I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now if you are displeased, I will go back."

35 The angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you." So Balaam went with Balak's officials.

Numbers 22:26-35

We sometimes miss closed doors because we are blinded by desire. We try to will something that God has shut.

God's no's can yield great seasons of growth and development.

6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. **7** When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

Acts 16:6-7

Because what we want is not always God's will.

And God's no's are just as important as His yes's.

God's no's are not rejection—

They are protection, direction, and development.

Frustrated Plans

Psalm 119:105 says:

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

What if God often disappoints your plans...to fulfill His purpose?

We may be disappointed in the short term, but in the long term, we will be more fulfilled with God's plans than with our own.

God doesn't light up our whole map, but lights our path so that. He does this so that we take a small step each and every day, in faith.

Everyday Choices

*Finally, when we could stand it no longer, we decided to stay alone in Athens,
1 Thessalonians. 3:1*

*11 Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.
Ephesians 1:11*

When you don't know what to do, run it through this filter:

- Is it biblical?
- Is it wise?
- Am I being led by the Spirit or my flesh?
- What do godly people say?
- Do I have peace moving forward?
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“Sometimes we're waiting on a sign from heaven for a decision God has already given us the wisdom to make.”

We can't be holy without faith.

What does God want from us?...to be holy (hagios)

The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.

I will advise you and watch over you.

Psalm 32:8

**God's will isn't something you find once...
It's something you walk into daily.**