

"So the LORD must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the LORD is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help. 19 O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. He will be gracious if you ask for help. He will surely respond to the sound of your cries. 20 Though the Lord gave you adversity for food and suffering for drink, he will still be with you to teach you. You will see your teacher with your own eyes.

Isaiah 30:18-21 (NLT)

21 Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, 'This is the way you should go,' whether to the right or to the left."

Isaiah 30:18-21 (NLT)

**Psalm 32:8 (NLT)** — "The LORD says, 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

**Psalm 73:24 (NLT)** — "You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny."

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT) — "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

Galatians 5:25 (NLT) — "Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives."

## YOU CAN MAKE

## ADIFFERENCE

Jeremiah 18:11–12 (NLT) — "Therefore, Jeremiah, go and warn all Judah and Jerusalem. Say to them, 'This is what the LORD says: I am planning disaster for you instead of good. So turn from your evil ways, each of you, and do what is right.' " 12 But the people replied, "Don't waste your breath. We will continue to live as we want to, stubbornly following our own evil desires."



## PURSUING GOD'S WILL...



"Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. 13 When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the zealot), and Judas (son of James). 14 They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus,

several other women, and the brothers of Jesus. 15 During this time, when about 120 believers were together in one place, Peter stood up and addressed them. 16 'Brothers,' he said, 'the Scriptures had to be fulfilled concerning Judas, who guided those who arrested Jesus. This was predicted long ago by the Holy Spirit, speaking through King David. 17 Judas was one of us and shared in the ministry with us.' 18 (Judas had bought a field with the money he received for his

treachery. Falling headfirst there, his body split open, spilling out all his intestines. 19 The news of his death spread to all the people of Jerusalem, and they gave the place the Aramaic name Akeldama, which means "Field of Blood.") 20 Peter continued, 'This was written in the book of Psalms, where it says, 'Let his home become desolate, with no one living in it.' It also says, 'Let someone else take his position.' 21 'So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among

the men who were with us the entire time we were traveling with the Lord Jesus—22 from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus' resurrection.' 23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they all prayed, 'O Lord, you know every heart. Show us which of these men you have chosen 25 as an apostle to replace Judas in this ministry, for he

has deserted us and gone where he belongs.' 26 Then they cast lots, and Matthias was selected to become an apostle with the other eleven."



HOW Do I Know God's Will for My Life?



God WANTS You to Know His Will

Matthew 16:24–25 (NLT) — "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. 25 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."



You <u>CAN</u> Know God's Will for You

Romans 12:1–2 (NLT) — "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) — "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."



## prove

- (Greek) dokimazo, dok-im-ad'-zo
- to test
- to approve: allow, discern, examine, like, prove, try

God would never **COMMAND** you to **PROVE** His will if it weren't possible

Isaiah 42:16 (NLT) — "I will lead blind Israel down a new path, guiding them along an unfamiliar way. I will brighten the darkness before them and smooth out the road ahead of them. Yes, I will indeed do these things; I will not forsake them.

**Romans 1:1 (NLT)** — "This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News."



God Speaks in Ways You'll Know It's Him

John 10:3–4 (NLT) — "The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice."

John 10:14 (NLT) — "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me"

