



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

▶ TUESDAY

THF College - Meets at Sarah's Home - 5006 94th St.
7:00pm-9:00pm

▶ WEDNESDAY

THF Students - Worship & Small Groups
7:00pm-8:30pm ~ Doors open at 6:30pm

▶ THURSDAY

THF Men - Bible Study & Fellowship
6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

▶ FEBRUARY 22 - Men's Breakfast

Details to Come

Accessing your 2024 Giving Statement

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- Click Connect Link
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

February 2, 2025

BUDGET GIVING: \$20,160.00

BUDGET NEEDS: \$19,346.00

YEAR TO DATE

BUDGET GIVING: \$79,205.73

BUDGET NEEDS: \$88,440.00

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

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February 9, 2025

GETTING GOD'S GUIDANCE



Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Psalm 143:10 esv

Jesus had been **crucified, risen, and ascended**

For the first time the Disciples were **ALONE**

Judas had **UNALIVED** himself

The Jesus-followers had the task of **REPLACING** him

The Apostolic number had to be **RESTORED** cf Matt 19:28; Psalm 109:8

Three Criteria For the Search -

- 1 They were **CHOSEN** by Jesus John 6:70,15:16
- 2 They had to have **ACCOMPANIED** Jesus from the beginning
- 3 They had to have witnessed **RESURRECTED JESUS**

Two Candidates Emerged: Joseph Barsabbas (Justus)

MATTHIAS

Critical Decisions Made them Need to Get God's Guidance

What if they made the wrong choice...Judas had already been a **BUST!**

How will this affect the **FUTURE** of the movement?

What is the effect on the group **DYNAMIC**? Will this **endanger** them?

23 And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen 25 to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." 26 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. Acts 1:23-26 nkj

HOW TO GET GOD'S GUIDANCE

Start With this Truth: **GOD'S WILL IS NOT A SECRET!**

#1 REALIZE WHAT THE DECISION IS REALLY ABOUT

For the disciples, this decision was about the **FILLING OUT** the role of the **APOSTLE** in God's plan of redemption

ALL OF OUR LIFE DECISIONS MATTER!

- How does *what you do next* affect **ETERNITY**?
- How are you **VALUING** and **VIEWING** God's **place** in your life?

I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2

Series: Acts

#2 ASK THIS: WHAT KIND OF DECISION DO I NEED TO MAKE?

Does this fall under the **REVEALED** or the **CONCEALED** will of God?

REVEALED WILL - What has God shown us in the *pages of scripture*

CONCEALED WILL - What do we **DISCERN** from God's *principles* and God's *permission*?

#3 THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE ALWAYS GOD'S WILL

He wants people to trust Him for **SALVATION** 2 Peter 3:9; Matt 18:14

He wants you **CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT** Ephesians 5:18

He wants you **DEDICATED** and **COMMITTED** to Him 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

He wants you to be **COOPERATIVE** rather than **REBELLIOUS** 1 Peter 2:13-15

He wants you **BEARING UP** under *suffering* 1 Peter 3:17-18; 4:19; 5:10

He wants you to know and express **GRATITUDE** 1 Thessalonians 5:18

He wants you *doing* the **ONE ANOTHERS** John 13:34; Ephesians 4:31-32

DOES MY DECISION FALL INTO ONE OF THESE AREAS?

#4 UNDERSTAND GOD'S CONCEALED WILL IN LIGHT OF GOD'S REVEALED WILL!

— Trust the Bible as your **AUTHORITY** vv16

GUIDELINES V AUTHORITY

— **FILTER** life through the Bible! vv17-20

— Use the Bible as your **TEMPLATE** vv21-23 **DO WHAT IT SAYS**

Will this **GLORIFY GOD**? 1 Cor 10:31

Would **JESUS** pursue this action? 1 John 2:6

Will this advance Jesus' **TESTIMONY**? 1 Cor 10:32-33

What **EXAMPLE** does this establish? 1 Cor 8:9

Does this **ENCROACH** of Jesus' Lordship in my life? Rom 14:2-8

Do I have to **EXCUSE** this to do it? 1 Peter 2:16

Is this spiritually **PROFITABLE**? 1 Cor 6:12

Does this **BUILD UP**? 1 Cor 10:23

Does this create an **ENCUMBRANCE**? Heb 12:1, 1 Cor 9:24-27

Will this try to **CONTROL** me? 1 Cor 6:12

1 **COLLECT** all the data/facts/information you need vv21-22

2 **PRAY** it through... vv24-25

3 **TRUST** God's sovereignty to lead you...go with what He says vv26

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

If God is generating the desires, we must allow Him to apply circumstances to those desires to steer them

THF LIFE Notes

2-9-25

Which action or saying in the Upper Room meeting sticks in your mind the most...why?

What are the dangers of relying on subjective impressions and intuition to determine God's will?

How does our attitude toward Scripture influence our view of knowing God's will?

How does God's REVEALED will help us to discern His CONCEALED will?

Why do you think it is important to make decisions as a member of a Christian community rather than in isolation?

What are some big life decisions you need to make? How does this passage help you make those decisions?