

Fearless: For God Knows the Way

"Fearless" series- Part 02

Use the next few minutes to connect and fellowship with other members of the group by discussing the following: Describe a time when you felt you were really lost and had no idea what to do next. How did you eventually find your way out of this predicament?

Let's get on the same page –

In our uncertain times, with multiple choices available, and with wise, but conflicting voices; one of the most asked question is: *"How do I determine God's will for my life?"* And there are many answers. For example, there is the formulaic approach, which says there is a formula for knowing God's will. It's kind of like a checklist a pilot uses before he takes off. *God's Word. Check. Prayer. Check. Wise counselors. Check.*

Another formula says that we must consider the following: 1. How do you feel about it? 2. What does God's word say about it? 3. What are the open doors of opportunities? Now, when all of them line up and agree, you can know that particular decision is God's will. Yet the problem with the formulaic approach is, what happens if those ingredients don't all say the same thing? For example, you pray about a decision and feel like God is leading you one way. But then you go to a wise counselor who says, "You shouldn't do that." Which do you give more weight to: God's leading through prayer or what wise counsel is saying to you?

Can you think of a time when you applied such an approach and the results did not align together to provide you a clear decision? What did you do?

Today we will look to some Old Testament wisdom and instructions to remind us that we need not fear that we cannot know God's will.

Book: Proverbs 2:6-9, Proverbs 3:5-8

Pro 2:6 For the LORD grants wisdom! From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Pro 2:7 He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.

Pro 2:8 He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to Him.

Pro 2:9 Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go.

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

Pro 3:6 Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

Pro 3:7 Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Pro 3:8 Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

Let's get into the Word:

In the two passages of scriptures, note that the first passage describes what God will do to help us to discern His will. In the second passage, there are instructions for our response to God's actions. As a group, make a list for each category.

What God Will Do

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

What I Should Do

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Which of the things that God will do brings you the most hope and encouragement? Why?

Which of the actions that we should do is the most difficult for you? Why?

What could you suggest as a good remedy to the difficulties expressed by the group members?

How do we hear today from “*God’s mouth*”?

How do you go about trusting in God’s plan rather than pursuing your own path or wisdom?

Let’s get real (with self!)

How would knowing and doing the will of God help with “*healing for your body and strength for your bones*”?

What situation are you facing that if you honestly search for what is right, just, and fair, could help you to determine the path that God wants you to follow?