



## Decisions, Decisions: Discerning God's Guidance | Acts 16:6-10

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"...many [young adults] still doubt their self-worth and ability to make a decision. When it comes time to make the next big move in their life — leaving their job for a new one or taking a relationship to the next level, for instance — they struggle to make the call..." —Brittany Wong, *The 6 Things Millennials Bring Up the Most in Therapy*

### The Context of God's Guidance

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**Question 1: What has God definitively revealed about His will through His Word? Am I doing it?**

## How God Reveals His Guidance

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Walking in the Spirit requires surrendering to the Spirit's authority and influence and cultivating the Spirit's influence through habits of life that open ourselves up to the Spirit.

### Question 2: What do I sense the Spirit is guiding me to do?

Wisdom

Having "peace"

Impressions and Prophetic Words

Circumstances

## What God is Up To in His Guidance

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### 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.