

"How to Know God's Will?" What's God's Will Series Pastor Mark 1.22.23

"And now compelled by the spirit, I'm going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prisons and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me. If only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me. The task of testifying the gospel of God's grace." Acts 20:22-24

4 markers on the road to the will of God:

1) HOLY SPIRIT'S PROMPTING

- "And now COMPELLED BY THE SPIRIT, I'm going to Jerusalem....." Acts 20:22
- ".....the **SPIRIT** within me **COMPELS ME**." Job 32:18-19

2) UNCERTAINTIES

- "I am going to Jerusalem, **NOT KNOWING** what will happen to me there." verse 22
- "After I go through Macedonia, I will come to you for I will be going through Macedonia.
 <u>PERHAPS</u> I will stay with you <u>AWHILE</u> or even spend the winter, so that you can help me on my journey, <u>WHEREVER</u> I go. I do not want to see you now and make only a passing visit; I <u>HOPE</u> to spend some time with you, <u>IF</u> the Lord permits." 1 Corinthians 16:5-7

3) **RESISTANCE**

- "But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who **OPPOSE ME**." 1 Corinthians 16:8-9
- "I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that <u>PRISONS AND HARDSHIPS ARE</u> FACING ME." Acts 20:23
- Just because you face difficult times does **NOT** mean you're out of the will of God.
- "Even though I walk through the valley of death, I will not fear for HE IS WITH ME." Psalm 23:4

4) **CLARITY**

- "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus have given me, the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." Acts 20:24
- "So I sent messengers to them with this reply: 'I am carrying on a <u>GREAT PROJECT</u> and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?" Nehemiah 6:3

As VISION increases & clarifies, OPTIONS decrease, making the will of God easier to discern!