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Confident Decision Making in Business

Session 3 — The Journey to Decisions That Line Up with God's Desires and Purpose

IF WE'RE HONEST

We are forced into decision mode more often than we like. But we feel the pressure of knowing that our decisions today shape both our future and the future of those we work with and for.

We want God's will, but confidence is not always easy to come by.

When it comes to knowing what He wants, some things are foundational because they fall on one of the bright lines we find in the Bible — clear moral or relationship decisions the Bible speaks to directly. We find them in teachings about marriage, family, purity, and honest dealings. But all the daily decisions we make in our business don't always hit those bright lines. They involve strategy, partnerships, hiring, and creating a culture that honors God.

The heart of this idea is to understand that "God's will" simply means what God desires — it always lines up with His plan. We want to know what He desires for us and for all the decisions that fall into our hands.

Romans 12:1-2 shows us the three essentials to having confidence about His will:

- If we surrender our lives to Jesus as Lord
- We're not allowing the voices and forces of our industry and culture to shape us
- We're having our thoughts, feelings, and judgment renewed by His Spirit, His Word, and His people

Knowing God's will is not about a list of things we should or shouldn't do. **He wants us to make decisions in a relationship with Him.** The three things above from Romans 12:1-2 are part of drawing close to Him. Knowing His will is no different.

The last part of this verse tells us that based on these three positions, we are able to discern and test what God's will is — the language used to evaluate gold for purity, or scrutinize an animal before accepting it. His will has to be tested, but when we walk close with Him we can find the path that is full of good character, is an expression of our worship, and lines up with His bigger plan.

WHEN TRUTH ENTERS THE CHAT

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

- 1 Do you ever wish that knowing God's purposes and desire for a situation would be quick and easy instead of a process of discerning and testing?
- 2 When you have a difficult decision to make, do you make time to align with God, or do you lean on some other source?
- 3 Do you think that the Lord gives you room to experiment and try things while you are listening to Him?
- 4 Can you remember a decision in which you felt real peace? Is that the norm? What did you do to arrive at that place?

MORE ON THE TABLE

- **James 1:5** — God's promise to give wisdom if we ask Him
- **Ephesians 5:15-17** — Walk carefully to avoid foolish decisions prompted by the world
- **Colossians 1:9-12** — He wants to fill us with wisdom and understanding so we bear fruit

Then you will be able to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:10 (same word as Romans 12:2)