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## INTRODUCTION

How can we make decisions that please God? How can we discern the reality behind the choices we face when we encounter new situations or instances of past failure? Since we will make decisions regularly, we must depend on what God has written in His word to guide us through those decisions. **We need to live out our faith in our decision making.**

**You will ALWAYS need Him**

1. **He will not give you a wise thought that makes you independent of Him.**
  - a. **Isaiah 8:19; 9:13-16**
  - b. **Job 40:1; 42:1-6**
  
2. **You stay inside the story He is writing.**
  - a. **Jeremiah 29:11**
  - b. **Isaiah 43:1-2**

## The place of confidence is the place we met Jesus

### 1. Knowing Him is the only basis for knowing anything

- a. Colossians 2:2-10
- b. Philippians 3:8

### 2. The cross brings us to Jesus

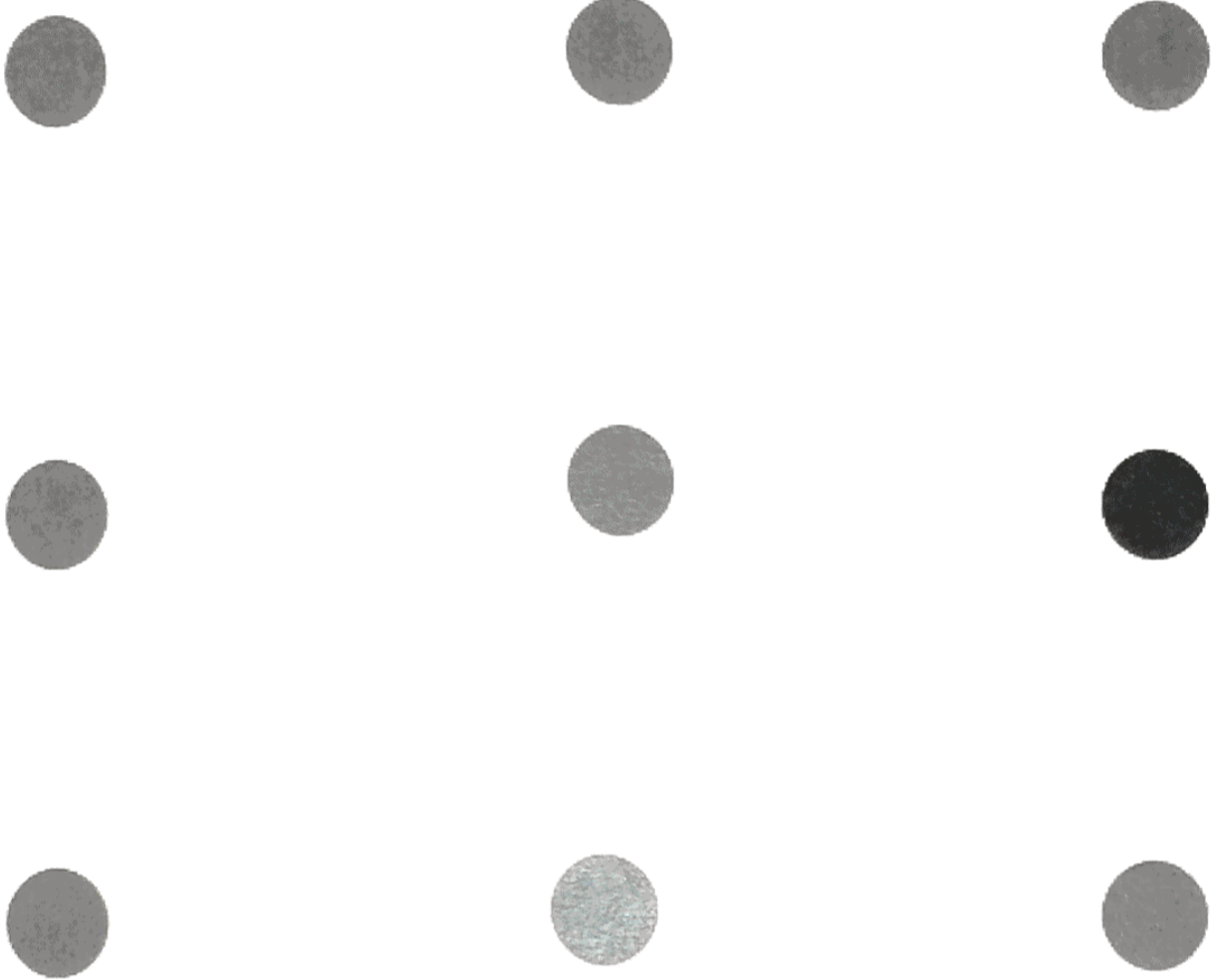
- a. Galatians 6:14
- b. Galatians 2:20

## God gives recognizable wisdom we can follow

- *Feedback Mechanisms*

- What feedback do the world, the flesh and the Devil give?
- What feedback does the Lord give?
- **James 3:14-17**
- ✓ If we can't differentiate between the leadership of the Lord in our lives and the input of our enemies, then God should not be speaking to us, guiding us, leading us. If we are incapable of following Him, His individualized leadership is ineffective. But He gives wisdom from above, and characterizes its nature so that we can recognize it.

# Endpoints of Your Story



The decisions we face fit into the larger story of what God's eternal work through our lives. **The way we frame our decisions have a big impact on the eternal value of those decisions.**

## **Eternal Endpoints**

- Start "ex nihilo" move through to "elements melting with a fervent heat"
- This is the frame for the story of your life

<i>Biblical Guideposts for decision making</i>	Jesus has authority	Jesus can change your life	Jesus wants you to trust and obey
<i>When I look for Him</i>	Matthew 28:18	John 21:21-22	Hebrews 11:6
<i>For His own purpose</i>	Colossians 1:15-18	Romans 9:20-21	Romans 14:23
<i>When I resist Him</i>	Revelation 3:7-8	Jeremiah 18:1-10	Numbers 14:11
<i>Biblical Guideposts for decision making</i>	Jesus' provision for us has compound purpose	Fear will not help our decision making	God is working good toward us
<i>When I look for Him</i>	2 Cor. 1:3-6	Mark 4:40	Hebrews 11:6
<i>For His own purpose</i>	Acts 11:27-30	1 John 4:18	Romans 14:23
<i>When I resist Him</i>	Luke 12:16-21	Romans 8:28	Numbers 14:11

## Conclusion

God is invested in instructing you by His Spirit, through His word. That instruction is comprehensible and sufficient for your needs. **While it is not God's express intention to tell you everything, it is His intention to "guide you into all truth.** He does this unfailingly, to the end that you can always make decisions that please Him. What more could a man want?