

STOP LOOKING FOR A SIGN

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Discovering God's Will Through God's Word



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CHAPTER ONE

GOD HAS ALREADY SPOKEN

The Search for Direction Begins with Scripture

There is something almost ironic about a Christian holding a Bible while asking:

“God, would You please speak to me?”

The Bible may be closed in our hands while heaven has already answered:

“I have spoken.”

This does not mean God cannot guide us through prayer, wise counsel, providential circumstances, or the inward work of the Holy Spirit.

He certainly can.

But none of those sources has permission to contradict what God has already revealed in Scripture.

That principle is foundational:

God will never lead you contrary to what God has already said.

You do not need a sign to determine whether you should forgive.

God has spoken.

You do not need a sign to determine whether you should love your neighbor.

God has spoken.

You do not need supernatural confirmation concerning whether lying, bitterness, adultery, hatred, dishonesty, or

unforgiveness are acceptable simply because circumstances appear favorable.

God has already spoken.

Sometimes what we call seeking God's will is actually an attempt to negotiate with something God has already made clear.

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"But I Prayed About It"

Prayer is essential.

But prayer does not transform disobedience into obedience.

A person cannot knowingly violate Scripture and then sanctify the decision by saying:

"But I prayed about it."

Prayer should bring our desires into submission to God. It should not be used to persuade God to endorse desires that contradict His Word.

Jesus gave us the model:

"Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

- Luke 22:42

That is mature prayer.

Not:

"Lord, confirm what I have already decided."

But:

"Lord, conform me to what You desire."

There is a tremendous difference.

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SOMETHING TO PONDER

Before asking God for additional revelation, consider this question:

Have I obeyed what He has already revealed?

Sometimes we are waiting for God to say something else while God is waiting for us to obey what He already said.

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PASTORAL REFLECTION

During years of ministry, I have watched people wrestle with decisions while searching desperately for confirmation.

Sometimes they already knew what Scripture taught.

The struggle was not that God's Word was unclear.

The struggle was that God's Word was not saying what they wanted to hear.

That is a dangerous spiritual place.

Because when we want something badly enough, we can make almost anything look like confirmation.

This is why Scripture must remain our anchor.

Feelings change.

Circumstances change.

People change.

Opportunities change.

But the Word of God remains.

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WORD BEFORE SIGNS

When facing an important decision, discipline yourself to ask these questions before searching for a sign:

What does Scripture clearly say about this?

Does this decision violate any biblical command or principle?

Am I searching Scripture for truth-or searching for permission to do what I already want?

Have I prayed for wisdom rather than merely confirmation?

Would mature, biblically grounded believers recognize this decision as consistent with Christian character?

Can I pursue this with a clear conscience before God?

If God does not give me a dramatic sign, am I still willing to trust Him?

Those questions can save us from many painful decisions.

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PRAYER

Father, thank You for not leaving me without direction. Forgive me for the times I have searched for signs while neglecting Your Word. Give me a hunger for Scripture and wisdom to understand it correctly. Help me distinguish between what I want, what I feel, and what You have actually said. Teach me to submit my desires to Your truth. When the path ahead is uncertain, remind me that Your Word is still a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Give me courage to obey what You have already revealed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Chapter One Closing Thought

Stop asking God to confirm what His Word has already corrected.

And before you spend another day searching the sky for a sign-
Open the Book.

Because God has already spoken.

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