

Pivotal Decisions

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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The power is in the pivot. In basketball, a pivot is stepping in any direction with one foot while keeping the other in contact with the ground. In life, we make decisions every day. When we pivot, we get to see different perspectives. Hence, we should choose the right and wise decisions that pivot our life according to God's purpose.

How God Guides and Takes us to Different Directions

Judges 13:1-2

- The Israelites who obeyed the Lord started to sin, so God delivered them into the hands of their enemies. Thus, they went through the cycle of sin, judgment and deliverance.

Judges 13:5

God allows things to happen in our lives to show us that He can deliver/heal us from sickness. In dire need, He alone can provide for us.

Judges 13:6-8, 13

- More often than not, God does not give us the details; He would just give us enough instructions, and then He lets us wait. Let us learn to trust Him, and watch how He moves.

Judges 13:9-12

- God hears our prayers because He knows our voice. He likes it when we tell Him everything, even if He knows them already.
- Sometimes, God wants to see if we trust Him enough before He moves.

Judges 13:15-18

- Let us deflect our plans to God's plan. If it's God's plan, it will definitely succeed. Accordingly, we need to move with Him.
- Unfortunately, we tend to find God's guidance and direction in logic, just like Manoah who still kept on asking questions.

Judges 13:19-20

- When we are with God, we can make the right, wise, and best decision.

Judges 13:24

Our decisions can either bring us directly to God's purpose or delay His purpose in our lives. When we decide on something, the effect on us is either better or worse.

Judges 14:1-3

Samson's goal was to deliver Israel from Philistines. However, he went to the enemy's territory and was charmed by the beauty of a young Philistine woman, one of the worst decisions he made.

How to make a bad decision?

1. **Pivot to the wrong place.** Here are some places to avoid when making a decision: our emotions, needs, pressure, opinions of others, and our own logic.

We should be grounded in the Word of God, to be in the right place at the right time with the right people doing the right thing. Let us see what God says about our situation in the Scriptures: *"But I'll take the hand of those who don't know the way, who can't see where they're going. I'll be a personal guide to them, directing them through unknown country" (Is 42:16).*

- What is most scary about making a decision is the unknown, but God has secured our future; He will lead and guide us to the right path because His plan never fails.
2. **Pivot to the wrong focus.** When we are making decision(s), let's not trust ourselves. *"Trust in the Lord completely." (Prov 3:5)*
 3. **Pivot away from God.** Samson rejected the godly counsel of his parents. We should know that God brings godly people into our lives to help us, so we should listen to them.

Conclusion

As Christians, we should obey and walk with God daily to set direction in our life, to follow His will, and to depend on His unending grace and mercy.

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