



I. THINK OF MY MOST DIFFICULT DECISION IN LIGHT OF THIS PROMISE

Then I will lead the blind along a way they never knew; I will guide them along paths they have not known. I will make the darkness become light for them, and the rough ground smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not leave my people.

Isaiah 42:16 (NCV)

II. WAYS I CAN CLAIM GOD'S PROMISE OF GUIDE ME

1. Believe that God wants to help me make the right choices

The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

Psalms 25:14 (NIV)

The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.

Isaiah 58:11 (NLT)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

2. Know that God does have a Plan

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

Jeremiah 29:11 (MSG)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

3. Seek the Wisdom of God's Word

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (MSG)

4. Ask the Lord for guidance in prayer

Ask me, and I will tell you things that you don't know and can't find out.

Jeremiah 33:3 (CEV)

If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; he will not resent it.

James 1:5 (TLB)

5. Be sensitive to the urgings of the Holy Spirit

Who can know the thoughts of another person? Only a person's own spirit can know them. In the same way, only the Spirit of God knows God's thoughts. We have not received the spirit of the world. We have received the Spirit who is from God. The Spirit helps us understand what God has freely given us.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12 (NIRV)

6. Listen to the counsel of godly people

Plans fail without good advice, but they succeed with the advice of many others.

Proverbs 15:22 (NCV)

7. Consider the circumstances

If any household or town refuses to welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave.

Matthew 10:14 (NLT)

8. Patiently wait for God's best timing

Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

James 5:7-8 (NLT)

9. Confidently make my decision and move forward in peace

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)