

When You Just Can't Decide

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Sermon in a Sentence: With a posture of prayer and perspective of praise, we will seek God and do what seems right!

Summary: We make 35,000 different decisions every day! Some small and some really, really big. Is it any wonder that sometimes we freeze when faced with tougher choices? The early church also had some hard decisions, and they gathered, prayed, listened, and then did what “seemed good” to them. How can we get the kind of peace that frees us to be able to make necessary decisions?

Ice Breaker Questions (Choose one or do them all, everyone answers):

- **How was Thanksgiving? Did you travel, see family, or stay home?**
- **What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?**

Diving In:

- **What are some big decisions that you need to make before the end of the year?**

Read Philippians 4: 4-7

- **What does this verse promise when we take our needs to God?**
- **How do you find peace in the midst of chaos?**
- **Do you find it hard to make choices sometimes? Is it one of these reasons, or something else?**
 - **The Paradox of Choice – The more choices you have to make the harder it is.**
 - **FOMO – Fear of Missing Out**

- **How do you respond when you're overwhelmed? Fight, flight, or freeze?**

Going Deeper:

Read Acts 15: 5, 19-20, 22-29

If you can, read in the ESV, noting the times it says it "seemed good" to the disciples in vs 22, 25, and 28.

- **Is it wise to make decisions based only on what seems good?**
- **Read Proverbs 14: 12**
- **Ask again, Is it wise to make decisions based only on what seems good?**
- **Why could the disciples be so confident in their seems good, when the Bible tells us not to be confident in ourselves?**
- **Re-read Acts 15: 22, 25, 28 (ESV)**
 - **Who was involved in making the decision? What were they doing for the last 3-4 years?** They were people who spent time with Jesus. This wasn't your BFF from High School, these were people with spiritual maturity.
 - **How important is unity when making a decision?** They were in one accord, but sometimes you won't get a unanimous decision.
 - **How did they know that it seemed good to the Holy Spirit?** They prayed until they had peace about it.

Then we act on what God is telling us to do.

How do you know that God is speaking to you?

- 1-It Aligns with the Word of God
- 2-It is Confirmed by the people of God,
- 3-You receive Peace from the Spirit of God
- 4-We trust that God will work all things for good (Rom 8:28)

How can we pray for you?