

**To help you grow - Talk It Over with friends in LifeGroup**

**Trust the Process**

⇒ Paul in Ephesus - Acts 20:22-24

Following God’s Will is a Process:

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1. The Spirit’s Prompting. - *compelled* by the Spirit.. 20:22

**Deo pneuma –**

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2. Certain Uncertainty. *Going, not knowing...* 20:22b

Psalm 119:105

Proverbs 16:9

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3. Predictable resistance. Acts 20:23

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4. Uncommon Confidence. Acts 20:24

⇒ Our Purpose remains the same: To testify the good News.

**Whatever you do – Do it for the Glory of God!**

- What did you resonate with the most in this sermon?
- Have you ever experienced the Spirit’s prompting? How’d you know? What did you do?
- Read Acts 20:22 What was Paul uncertain about? Did this change his decision? What can you learn from Paul?
- How is the Spirit Prompting you? What resistance might you face if you follow? How does faith help you overcome any resistance?
- What decision do you need to make right now that will require significant faith?
- Pray for God’s prompting and be willing to follow his lead.
- Divine Direction Bible Plan available at: YouVersion bible app

## Divine Direction- Trust the Process

**February's Memory Verse** – *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.* James 1:5 (NIV)

### Monday 2/19- Read Acts 20:22-24

**Question:** Why was Paul going to Jerusalem?

**Truth:** “*And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me,*

**Meditate:** Acts 20:24- *But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.*

**Resistance:** *except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead.*

**Prayer:** Lord lead me and guide me and no matter what I will follow.

**What** is the Lord asking me to do?

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### Tuesday 2/20- Read Psalm 119:105-112

**Uncertainty:** *The wicked have set their traps for me, but I will not turn from your commandments.* Vs. 110

**Truth:** *Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*

**Meditate:** Psalm 119:109- *My life constantly hangs in the balance, but I will not stop obeying your instructions.*

**Prayer:** LORD, *accept my offering of praise, and teach me your regulations.* Vs. 108

**Action:** *I am determined to keep your decrees to the very end.* Vs. 112

**Truth of God** I will apply to my life:

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### Wednesday 2/21- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Challenge:** *Do not quench the Spirit.* Vs. 19

**Process:** *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

**Meditate:** 1Thessalonians 5:24- *The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.*

**Prayer:** *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify me through and through. May my whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.* (Verse 23-personalized)

**Action:** *Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.*

What I rejoice in with thanksgiving:

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### Thursday 2/22- Read Ephesians 5:15-20

**Challenge:** *Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.* Vs. 15-16

**Truth:** Worship, praise and thanksgiving fills me with God's Spirit.

**Meditate:** Ephesians 5:17-18- *Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,*

**Praise:** *always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Vs. 20

**Action:** *speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,* Vs. 19

The Spirit is leading me to:

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**Friday 2/23- Read Proverbs 16:1-9**

**Promise:** *When the LORD takes pleasure in anyone's way, he causes their enemies to make peace with them. Vs. 2*

**Truth:** *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps. Vs. 9*

**Meditate:** *Proverbs 16:2- All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD.*

**Prayer:** Lord, I commit my heart and my plans to you. Help me to be successful.

**Action:** *Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Vs. 3*

Worship God and love others by:

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