

*"Maturity is when you've figured out that you don't have everything figured out."*

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## Life's Three Biggest Decisions

MASTER? Who will you serve?

MATE? Who will you share life with?

MISSION? What will you do and why?

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<sup>1</sup>Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. <sup>2</sup>And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had,

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"Put your hand under my thigh, <sup>3</sup>that I may make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, <sup>4</sup>but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

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<sup>5</sup>The servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?" <sup>6</sup>Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there."

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<sup>7</sup>The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there." —Genesis 24:1-7 ESV

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I. Guidance begins with the precepts of God's Word.

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"Abraham was a man of faith who believed God's Word and knew how to apply it to specific situations and decisions. He sought to obey God's Word because true faith always results in obedience. The more you meditate on God's Word the more truth you will see in it and the more direction you will get from it.

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This applies to decision-making about marriage, vocation, ministry and any other area of life. Unless we trust God's Word and obey it, He will not direct us."

—Warren Wiersbe

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2. Guidance relies on God's providence.

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<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

—Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

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I will instruct you and  
teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you  
with My eye upon you.

—Psalm 32:8 ESV

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If any of you lacks wisdom,  
let him ask God,  
who gives generously to all  
without reproach,  
and it will be given him.

—James 1:5 ESV

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3. Guidance prioritizes prayer.

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<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us  
in our weakness. For we  
do not know what to pray for  
as we ought, but the Spirit  
Himself intercedes for us with  
groanings too deep for words.

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<sup>27</sup>And He who searches  
hearts knows what is the  
mind of the Spirit, because  
the Spirit intercedes for  
the saints according to the  
will of God.

—Romans 8:26-27 ESV

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4. Guidance includes  
observation.

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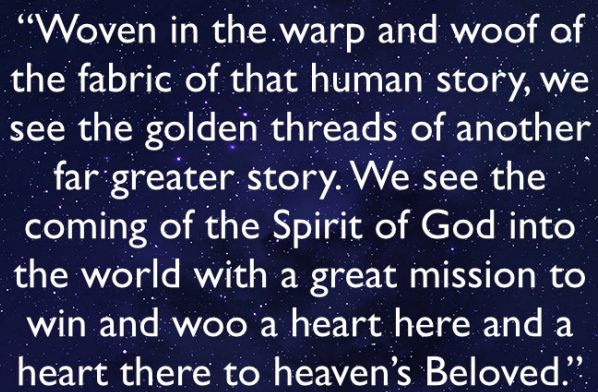
5. Guidance demands  
obedience.

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6. Guidance prompts and  
enriches our worship.

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“Woven in the warp and woof of  
the fabric of that human story, we  
see the golden threads of another  
far greater story. We see the  
coming of the Spirit of God into  
the world with a great mission to  
win and woo a heart here and a  
heart there to heaven’s Beloved.”

—John Phillips

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