**Questions to ask when discerning God’s will:**

- How are my attachments, insecurities and addictions influencing my decisions?
- Which path benefits my health and character in a positive way?
- How do these choices make sense of my understanding of Scripture?
- How do these choices impact my relationship with others?
- Which path would help others draw nearer to God?
- Who is someone who knows me that can help me make the best decision?
- How will these decisions make a difference (or pave the way to making a difference) in the world?
- Do these decisions have an eternal impact?

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“Father, I trust in your plan for my life. I know that you want what is best for me. Help me, Father, in all the challenging decisions I face. I especially ask for gifts of wisdom and discernment. I want to make wise and Godly decisions that are pleasing to you”

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**How do we make inspired choices?**

- Talk to someone you respect
- Find some solitude to connect with God
- Start with what you know
- Tell God what you desire and what you fear
- Let God speak to you
- Know that God has a plan for you
- Pray to do God’s will
- Wait
- Prayerfully commit
- Check out the fruits

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What does it mean to discern? How do I know God’s plan for me? Where do I hear God’s voice in my life? How do I make good choices? How can I be more intentional in my choices? Who are the voices of wisdom I trust?

Every day we are called to make important decisions, big and small. Discernment is a decision making process that honors the place of God’s will in our lives. It seeks to align our will with the will of God in order to learn what God is calling us to.

Know that God has great plans for you . . .

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”  Jeremiah 29:11 (TLB)

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