

Recap of 3/7/21 message (Joe Ricchuiti – Acts 2:1,1:21-26):

1. MacArthur's principles for knowing the will of God:

-Follow God's moral principles as spelled out in the Word.

-it is God's will that we be saved, 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:3,4

-it is God's will that we be Spirit-controlled, Ephesians 5:17-18

“...yielding every decision to the control of the Spirit.”

“...being saturated with the things of Christ.” Colossians 3:16

-it is God's will that we be sanctified, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

-it is God's will that we be submissive to authority. 1 Peter 2:13-15; Ephesians 6:5-8; 1

Timothy 3:10

-it is God's will that we submit to suffering for the gospel's sake. 1 Peter 4:19; 3:17; 4:13-16; 2

timothy 3:12

-If the preceding five principles are operating in your life, then you can confidently make decisions because God is running your life.

-God likes to use people who are already moving. Don't sit around waiting for God to magically move us.

2. “If we are faithful to read God's Word, study it, meditate on it, and obey it, God will guide us when we have decisions to make. The Holy Spirit teaches us (John 14:26; 16:13-14) and directs us when we pray and seek the Lord's will. The Holy Spirit uses truth, not ignorance; so the more facts we have, the better. We should use our common sense but not lean on it (Prov. 3:5,6), for we walk by faith and not by sight. If we sincerely move in the wrong direction, the Lord will show us (Acts 16:6-10; Phil. 3:15), so we need not fear.