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NOW WHAT?

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So, an important question to ask when we are faced with a decision is, *Will this choice/action be _____?*

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When we ask ourselves this question, the Apostle Paul offers two godly _____ to guide our decisions:

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There are all sorts of things that could be labeled non-_____ in life.

Often the good is an _____ to the best.

Life is too short to waste significant _____ of it on things that really don't matter that much, that don't really contribute to you being more of who Jesus died and rose again for you to be.

God is always guiding us to become a better person _____ and _____ other people in our lives.

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Our _____ (and God's will) is to build others up and not tear them down (note [1 Corinthians 8:1b, 9](#)).

We limit our freedom to show _____ for others (note [1 Corinthians 10:23-24](#); [Galatians 5:13](#)).

2. Does This Decision/Action _____ Me, or Do I Control It? (note [1 Corinthians 6:12b](#))

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God knew what a _____ issue this can easily become in our lives... (note [Deuteronomy 5:7](#); [Matthew 6:24](#)).

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Paul is literally saying, *I won't be _____ by anything... nothing except God's will and Word will control my life.*

If I'm a _____ to anything or anyone but Jesus, then I'm not in God's will (note [Romans 6:20-22](#)).

So now what?

- *Will this choice/action be helpful?* is such an important question to ask ourselves in helping us _____ God's will.
- So ask yourself...

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If you could choose/create your own nickname, what would it be? Now let the group guess why.

- 1.** Colossians 2:20-23, 1 Corinthians 6:12 & Galatians 5:13 indicate that Christ-followers are no longer bound by law in their choices. If you follow Jesus, what motivates you to make healthy, godly decisions if not the law?
- 2.** Pastor Tom said, "...just because in Jesus we have enormous freedom doesn't mean that we can do anything we feel like doing (1 Corinthians 6:12).” But why not? If something is not sin and I have the right to do it and want to do it, then why not choose to do it every time?
- 3.** 2 Corinthians 8:9 describes how Jesus gave up His freedom and rights to save us. Tell of a time you had the freedom and inclination to do something but chose to limit your freedom to show love for others? What was the result?
- 4.** Pastor Tom stated that “whatever controls your life is your god” (Matthew 6:24, Romans 6:20-22). In what ways has a decision you made ended up controlling your life? What steps were you able to take to ensure God is your only master, or is it something you're still battling?
- 5.** “*Will this choice/action be helpful? Is such an important question to ask ourselves*” in helping us to make healthier and more godly decisions. How will you implement this teaching as you face decisions this week?

Day One: John 6; Psalm 74

Day Four: 1 Timothy 1; Jeremiah 8

Day Two: Exodus 24; Proverbs 12

Day Five: Job 12; Acts 18

Day Three: Hebrews 9; 1 Samuel 25

PERSONAL GUIDE

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