

Text: 2 Samuel 2:8 – 3:1
Topic: God's Will
Series: Book of 2 Samuel

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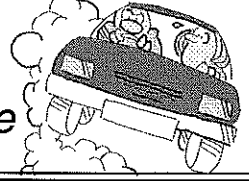
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God's Plan for You

Learning to Navigate His Road Map for Your Life



1. Don't _____ (2:8-14a)

2. Avoid _____ (2:14b-32)

3. Think _____ (3:1)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation. These questions are also used as the basis of discussion for many of our small group studies that meet throughout the week. For times and locations of PCC's small group gatherings that are meeting this week call the church office (949-489-2600).

1. Describe a situation from your past in which you fought against God's will for your life and knew it while you were fighting it.

What did that battle cost you?

2. What is something in your life that you know God wants you *to be doing* (even if it is something seemingly small) but you are currently *fighting to avoid*?

What is something in your life that you know God wants you *to stop doing* (even if it is something seemingly small) but you are currently *fighting to hang on to*?

3. It is easy to justify a compromise in our lives if we feel it is something that will help us accomplish God's will. This is a classic example hoping that "the end will justify the means." Of course, it doesn't. Usually these shortcuts are things that we think will help us do what God wants on *our* timetable instead of *his*. In what ways have you attempted to "rush" God's plan for your life through some act of compromise?

What have these compromises cost you?

4. As finite beings, we naturally struggle with seeing our current season of life from God's big perspective. God though, sees his plan for our entire life and knows how each part fits together to accomplish what he has purposed for us to be and do. How have you already seen this to be true in your life? In other words, how has a difficult or unpleasant season of your life eventually proven to be a Divinely scheduled and indispensable period of preparation which was not fully understood at the time?

How does this bring you hope and build your confidence to be patient and wait on God in your present season of life?