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How to Know God's Will
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control of all things. My job is to _____

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- This is the _____, not the _____,
of our salvation!
 - This is a daily choice of _____.

(b) _____ my mind by reading the Bible.

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- 1) God still has a future plan for Israel. The CHURCH
has not replaced Israel.
- 2) "What's over *our head* is still under God's FEET."
- 3) God's job is to *understand* all things and maintain
control of all things. My job is to TRUST HIM

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Now that I'm a Christian, God calls me to...

- (a) ...Sacrificially LIVE for Him.
- This is the RESULT, not the MEANS,
of our salvation!
 - This is a daily choice of SURRENDER.

(b) RENEW my mind by reading the Bible.

- 4) Almost always, God doesn't care which decision we
make - so long as we HONOR Him in that decision.
- 5) God's will always LINES up with Scripture, brings
glory to Him, and gives us the PEACE of God.

profound for me. [2] Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me. [3] O Israel, hope in the LORD From this time forth and forever."

Matthew 11:28-30 - "[28] "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.""

Isaiah 46:9-10 - "[9] Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, [10] Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'"

Which of these passages means the most to you? Why?

TAKING IT HOME

- 8) In regards to being a living sacrifice, we tend to "climb off the altar" at times. What specific area in your life is most difficult to sacrifice/surrender to the Lord? Why do you think this is? Ask God to change your heart and make you more willing to surrender this specific thing to Him.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of February 27, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week we talked about knowing God's will for our lives. In your own life, what has been your course of action in decision making? Mark all that apply:
 - Pray about it
 - Stress about it
 - Seek counsel from others
 - Check the Bible
 - Act now, think later
 - Do what I want regardless of God's will
 - Pick the "safest" route
 - Pick the "riskiest" route
 - Other:
- 2) What were some of the "big decisions" you thought about while working through the last question?

REVIEW

- 3) Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching in Romans 11:26-12:2, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week we were reminded that biblical knowledge alone cannot change us. What stands out to you (or confuses you) from the words Jesus spoke below?
Matthew 7:24-27 - "[24] "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: [25] "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the

rock. [26] "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: [27] "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.""

What life lessons can you apply from the passage above?

5) Think back to point #3 on your notesheet (God's job is to understand all things and maintain control of all things. My job is to trust Him). When are you most tempted to try and *understand* or *control* a situation?

6) Read the following passage of what Daniel's friends did in the midst of a tough decision. Note any highlights or questions you may have.

Daniel 3:8-18 - [8] *Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews. [9] They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! [10] "You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image; [11] "and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. [12] "There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up." [13] Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought*

these men before the king. [14] Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up? [15] "Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" [16] Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. [17] "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. [18] "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

What would you have been thinking if you were in Daniel's friends' position?

Why do you think they believed God could deliver them from the fiery furnace?

Why do you think they added verse 18 to their response?

In what way(s) do you want to be more like Daniel's friends?

7) How do the following passages help you trust and rest in God, even when life seems confusing or chaotic?
Psalms 131:1-3 - "[1] *A Song of Ascents. Of David. LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too*