

GOD'S WILL: DEEP SEA BUFFALO HUNTING?

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Finding & Following God's Basic Game Plan

❶ Relax, it's not _____!
Ephesians 5:17

❷ It's found on a _____.
Proverbs 4:18-19 & Proverbs 28:9/ Proverbs 14:6; 1:23-33 & Romans 1:18-32/ 2 Peter 1:3-12

- Start with what you know _____.
- Next, follow the Bible's _____.

So, before asking God where to live, what job to take or what college to go to – ask, “Am I . . .”

- _____ 2 Peter 3:9/ 2 Corinthians 8:5
- _____ Ephesians 5:17-18/Galatians 5:22-26
- _____ 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
- _____ 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- _____ 1 Peter 2:13-15/ Ephesians 6:6

MIRACLES & MESSES: How God Leads In Special Situations

❶ When God has a special plan,
it's usually revealed _____.
See Abraham's story in Genesis 12:1-25:8

❷ If I've messed up God's " _____,"
there's always a " _____."
Jeremiah 18:1-8/ Ezekiel 18:21-28/ 1 John 1:9

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Food for Thought for the week of July 22, 2012
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. This weekend we heard about “Deep Sea Buffalo Hunting” (looking for God's will in all the wrong places). King Saul did this big time. He wanted direction and help from God, but looked for it in the wrong place and the wrong way. Read 1 Samuel 28:1-20 to find out how and why Saul fell prey to this trap.

Saul's case is an extreme example, but can you think of other ways people seek God's will in the wrong places?

Even in times of spiritual dryness or on the backside of disobedience, there is hope. What do Joel 2:12-14 and Zechariah 1:2-3 have to say about these times in our life?

2. This weekend we looked at five foundational questions that can help us make sure we're aligned with God's game plan for our life. Look back at each one. How are you doing? Is there any area you need to shore up?

3. The second question #2, “Am I controlled by the Holy Spirit?” may be the most difficult to get our mind around (Galatians 5:22-26). The following verses will help you better understand what it means to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Look up each one and jot down how it adds to your understanding of what the Holy Spirit offers us and how He leads us?

John 16:5-16

Romans 8:5-17

Ephesians 5:15-21

Job 32:7-9

Isaiah 11:1-3

Isaiah 61:1

4. When God's game plan includes a specific plan for our life, He usually reveals it one step at a time. In 2 Kings 5:1-15, a man named Naaman learned this principle first hand. Read his story and then jot down why you think Naaman was angry about being asked to take the first step and wash in the Jordan.

What did God ultimately reveal in this miracle?