

## The Macedonian Vision

### Acts 16:9-10 (NASB)

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and **help us.**" When he had seen the vision, immediately **we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.**

- "Help" is in the imperative and means literally, "to run to a cry" (*boe\_theo\_*) {see Heb 2:18}
- Luke was with the group and they discussed Paul's vision as a group

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## Understand the Lord's Will

### Ephesians 5:17b (LEB)

...but **understand** what the **will of the Lord** is.

- "Understand" implies a comprehensive and intelligent grasp of God's will
- This is God's moral will as revealed through Christ and His apostles
- To understand Christ's will requires an active love for the truth and diligent study

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## What Is and Is Not Revealed

### Deuteronomy 29:29 (NASB)

The **secret things belong to the LORD our God**, but **the things revealed belong to us** and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

- Those who pry into what God has not revealed are practicing the occult
- What God has revealed we must search out, cherish and obey

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## God's Moral Will

### 1 Thessalonians 4:1, 2 (NASB)

Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to **how you ought to walk and please God** (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. For you **know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.**

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## God's Providential Will

### Romans 8:28 (NASB)

And we know that God causes **all things** to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called **according to His purpose.**

### Ephesians 1:11 (NASB)

also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works **all things after the counsel of His will,**

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## Christian Liberty

### 1 Corinthians 10:31, 32 (NASB)

And whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God;

- Context: Having liberty but not using it to harm another's conscience
- It is wrong to think that God's "perfect will" is to dictate every decision we make

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