

## 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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## 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)

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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## Preserve Christian Liberty

### Galatians 2:4, 5 (NASB)

But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had **sneaked in to spy out our liberty** which we have in Christ Jesus, **in order to bring us into bondage.** But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you.

- False brothers had demanded that Titus be circumcised (vs 3)
- Paul considered attacks against Christian liberty to be attacks against the gospel itself!

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## God's Perfect Will

### Romans 12:2 (NASB)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may **prove** what the will of God is, that which is **good and acceptable and perfect.**

- The "will of God" here is God's moral will which is revealed in Scripture
- "Good, acceptable and perfect" all are adjectives that modify "will of God"
- Proving in this case is thinking and living according to what God has revealed as true

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