

Pray - Week 4

How Do I Know What's Best?

⁹ *And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.* Philippians 1:9–11 NIV

The key to _____ what is best is _____ .

3 Steps

1. Seek _____ Council
2. _____ & _____
3. Look at _____

When God Doesn't Answer the Way We Want

1. Recognize God has a _____ planned & _____ in the trial (2 Corinthians 12:7b–10 NIV)
2. Recognize God's _____ / _____ still apply even after repentance and forgiveness (2 Samuel 12:13–24)

3. Sometimes, you are _____ the person for the job. Your job may be to prepare the way for the next person. (2 Samuel 7:1–5 NIV, 2 Samuel 7:11b–13 NIV)

4. The answer may be _____ to _____ God's plan.

Matthew 26:36–39 NIV

Matthew 26:42 NIV

Matthew 26:44 NIV

Matthew 26:53–56 NIV

³⁶ *Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."*

³⁷ *"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."* John 18:36–37 NIV

³³ *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* John 16:33 NIV