

Psalm 23 (NIV)

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, 3 He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the LORD forever.



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1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

We need a <u>Personal Revelation & Experience</u> of the love of God. Otherwise - mere religion!

- 1. We must first <u>receive</u> and <u>experience</u> the love of God.
 - A. None of us can love God on our own.



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 - **B.** WHY? This is because the <u>origin</u> of love, the <u>fountain</u> of love, the <u>source</u> of love comes from God.

1 John 4:16 ... God is love, and he who abides (connects) in love abides in God, and God in him.





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D. We can then love others with the love of **God**.

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the <u>love of God has been poured out in our hearts</u> by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.



- 1. We must first receive and experience the love of God.
 - E. When we <u>fail</u> to <u>experience</u> and <u>abide</u> in the love of God, we will revert to our <u>carnal-corrupt-natural</u> love manifested in <u>performance</u> in <u>works</u>, <u>religious practices</u> and <u>self-indulgence</u>.

Hebrews 6:1 ... let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God ...

For the Cn, every mis-behaviour is because he/she has failed to connect with God to receive & manifest God's love in the situation.



1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes,

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Give Thanks & Praise for the **Bodily Death** of Our Lord Jesus

- 1. He died for our **salvation** [Romans 10:9-10].
- 2. He died to pay the **penalty** of our sins [Romans 6:23; John 1:29; 2 Corinthians 5:21].
- 3. He died for our names to be in the **Book of Life** [John 3:3, 16; Luke 10:20; Revelation 20:15].
 - 4. He died to place us in His Body [1 Corinthians 12:12-13].
 - 5. He died to give us the <u>life-giving Spirit</u> [1 Corinthians 15:45].
 - 6. He died for our **bodily healing** [Matthew 8:16-17].
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Give Thanks & Praise for the **Shed Blood** of Our Lord Jesus

- **1.** Redeems us and we receive <u>forgiveness</u> of our sins [Colossians 1:14; Ephesians 1:7].
- 2. Cleanses us from the defilement of our sins [Hebrews 9:22].
- 3. Covers the ground previously given to the evil one due to our sins [1 John 2:2].
 - **4.** Sealed the New Covenant whereby we have <u>access</u> to His Grace for our needs [1 Corinthians 11:25].
 - **5.** Gives us <u>life</u> [Hebrews 9:14-15].
 - 6. Overcomes the evil one [Revelation 12:11].
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Decision-making and Guidance Process

1. From the **Word** (Psalm 119:105)



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2. From the Holy Spirit of Wisdom.

The details of the guidance.

The inward witness (Romans 8:16).

EG 1: BGR

EG 2: Studies

EG 3: Work Career

EG 4: Medical

EG 5: \$\$ Upgrade Downgrade

2. From the Holy Spirit of Wisdom. The Holy Spirit directs us in our thoughts and emotions on the decision to be made.

Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will <u>put My laws in their mind</u> and <u>write them on their hearts</u>; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

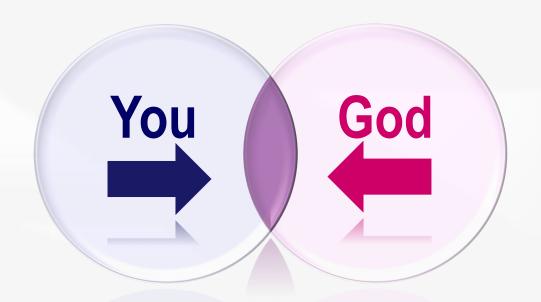


Decision-making Process



Two Conditions:

- 1. Do Proverbs 3:5-6 always
- 2. Romans 14:23
 - Decide by faith



- ✓ God desires to always guide and lead you.
- ✓ You must always desire to be guided by God.
- ✓ The area of overlap is the "Hallelujah" sector where God's Will is your will.

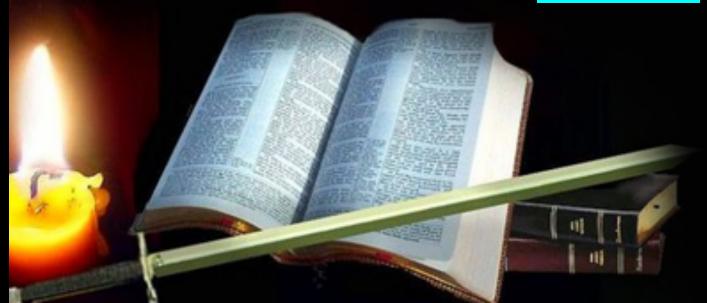
What are God's laws?

- "Mandata" = moral laws that are to be obeyed absolutely.
- "Exemplar" = examples used in parables and stories that reveal principles to follow; they are not commands.
- EG1: of Peter walking on water (focus on Jesus)
- **EG2:** of Jesus telling the rich young ruler to sell everything to follow Him (idolatry)
- EG3: widow putting in 2 copper mites (sacrificial generous giving)

From the Holy Spirit of Wisdom.

He will guide us in the process - journey to have:

- **knowledge** know the facts
- understanding have clarity
- wisdom what to decide and do



Revelation 3:20 - hears & opens door



III. Know and experience the **Lordship** of the Good Shepherd.

The good Shepherd is the **door** of His sheep.

This is all about making Jesus Lord and Master of our lives i.e. He desires that in <u>everything</u>, the sheep must <u>go through the Shepherd</u>.

Ezekiel 20:37 I will make you <u>pass under the rod</u>, and I will bring you into the <u>bond of the covenant</u>.

Are you struggling to submit to Jesus as Lord?

Are you prepared to pay the price to obey Him?

Making Major Decisions without seeking God?

Will you stop mixing with corrupt company?

Will you break up your unequally-yoked relationship for the past few years?

Forgive the one who hurt you, offended you?

In your Primary Calling - roles and responsibilities in life?

Will you stop questionable practices in your business/ workplace?

Will you stop viewing internet pornography and submit to God for deliverance and walk in holiness?



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sheep going <u>astray</u>, but have now <u>returned</u> to the <u>Shepherd and Overseer of your souls</u>.

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 - 1. When Jesus is Lord over our lives, He <u>holds</u> all things together.



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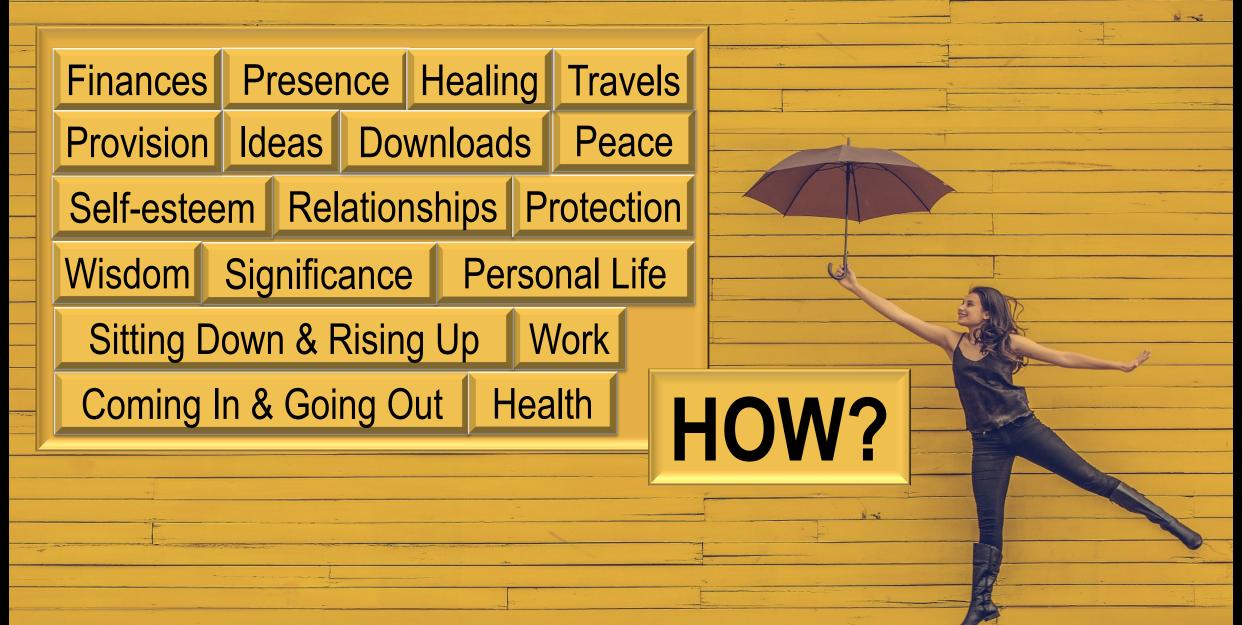
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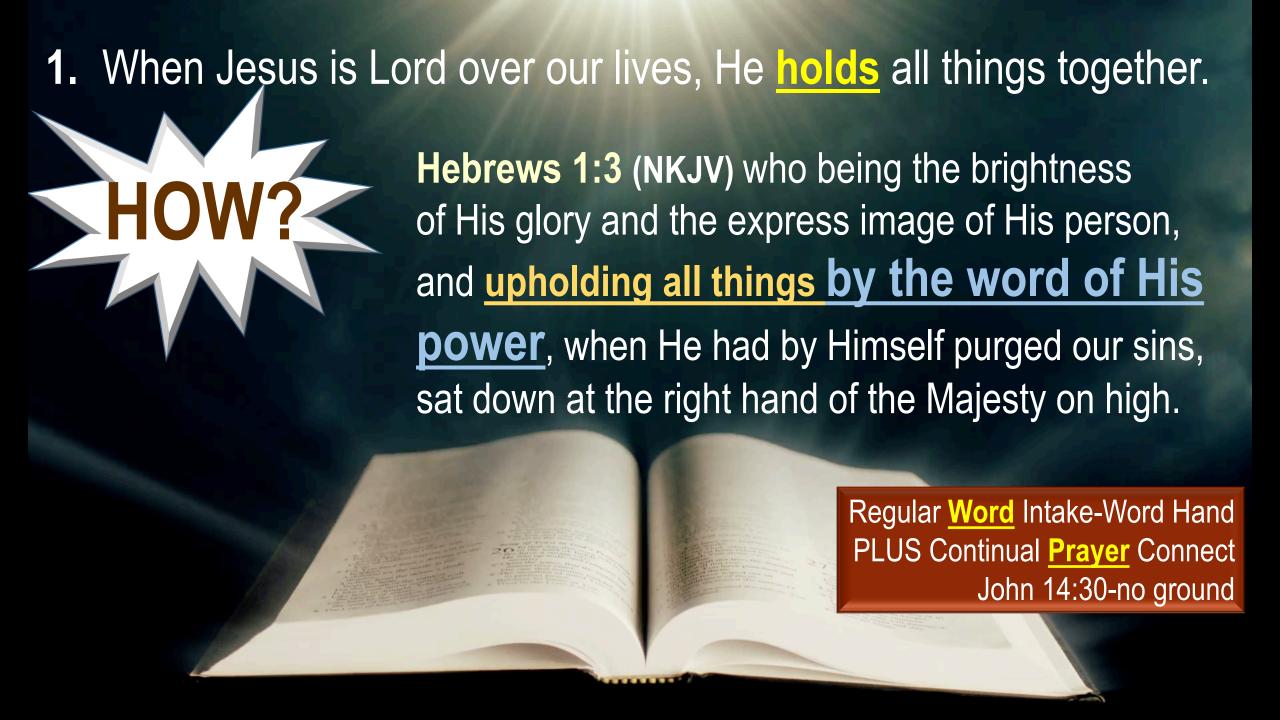
Jesus is our INTEGRATION POINT.

The spokes of the wheel are all connected to the hub which holds the wheel together.



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- III. Know and experience the Lordship of the Good Shepherd.
 - 2. We then experience Salvation and the more Abundant Life!

2 Peter 1:2-4

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the **knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord**, **3** as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

BOTTOM-LINE - The Lord is my Shepherd - Jehovah Robin 1 John 5:18 - the devil cannot harm/touch us. He attacks us by: Sowing doubts re the Love of the Good

Shepherd.

Sowing doubts re the Word - Leading of II. the Good Shepherd.

III. When we experience the Love and Word-Leading of God, we will submit to the Lordship of the Good Shepherd.

BOTTOM-LINE - The Lord is my Shepherd - Jehovah Rohi

Leviticus 27:32 concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord.

Total Devotion

- 1. Personally experience His love?
- 2. Relationship Vibrant? It's in the details.
- 3. Lordship Issues obedience?