

GOD'S ANTIDOTE TO INDECISION

Coping With Stress - Part 4

He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Psalm 23:3b

Getting guidance from God

1. Admit I Need A Guide

"Everyone of us have strayed away like sheep! We have left God's path to follow our own." Isa. 53:6 (LB)

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Prov. 14:12 (NIV)

"He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way." Ps. 25:9 (NIV)

2. Ask In Faith For Direction

"If you want to know what God really wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; but . . . be sure that you really expect him to tell you . . . If you don't ask in faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer." James 1:5-6 (LB)

3. Listen For God's Response

"God does speak - sometimes one way and sometimes another - even though people may not understand it." Job 33:14 (NCV)

God speaks through:

The Bible Holy Spirit Others

Impressions Circumstances Pain

4. Trust God When I Don't Understand

"Your road led by a pathway through the sea -- a pathway no one knew was there." Ps. 77:19 (LB)

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining brighter till the full light of day." Prov. 4:18 (NIV)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Prov. 3:5-6 (NIV)

"The steps of a man are established by the Lord . . . When he falls, he shall not be hurled headlong because the Lord is the one who holds his hand." Ps. 37:23-24 (NASB)

"In the way of righteousness is life; along that path is immortality." Prov. 12:28 (NIV)