

Of course, it's also important to realize that in order to follow the principles of discernment in this book, you will need to surrender your life to God and you should be trying your very best to follow Him.

And before we dig into some thought-provoking questions, we should start with the basics and with truth as our foundation:

- 🔥 God has a unique plan and dreams for your life! You are not here randomly—you were created for a purpose and called by name.

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

—Isaiah 43:1

- 🔥 You need to know who you are and whose you are. Your purpose will stem from there.
- 🔥 Your identity—the only thing that truly defines you—is that you are a child of God. No one can take that away from you, and no one's opinion of you matters except for God's. He loves you!

- 🔥 The enemy is actually afraid of you. He fears that you will begin to walk in your authority as a child of God and accomplish God's will for your life as well as help others.
- 🔥 Don't let fear, fear of rejection, fear of failure, or anything else stop you from trying to do what you think you're being called to do, because God's power lives in you through the Holy Spirit. And you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you—so you have nothing to fear!
- 🔥 God will provide all that you need to do His will. It may look different than you expected or come in an unexpected way, but His ways are higher than our ways.

“My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 4:19

- 🔥 Never be jealous or envious of someone else. As Saint John Paul II said, “You are unique and unrepeatable.” You are enough and have enough. You have been given what you need

for your specific mission. We should be grateful for what we have and be happy for others and what they have. We all make up the body of Christ and need each other. Look for ways to collaborate with those who have what you don't and be open to sharing your gifts with them.

- 🔥 God's dream lives deep within you and stirs your greatest desires!
- 🔥 God's dream will always lead you to the greatest love. As Saint John of the Cross said, "In the evening of life, we are judged on love alone." Since you will be judged on love and God is love, He will always call you to love.
- 🔥 God's dream for you will always be for His greater glory. Choose what gives God the most glory.
- 🔥 The dreams that leave you filled with joy, excitement, holy desires, and peace—those that feel like they fit right—will most likely be part of God's will for you.
- 🔥 The dreams that leave you sad, agitated, discouraged, or afraid and leave you with no

peace, energy, or excitement will most likely not be God's will for you.

- 🔥 Even if you have some unrest with a decision because it's a difficult choice, inside, at the deepest level, you will have a sense of peace and know that it's the right thing to do.
- 🔥 You could also have peace on the surface but deep down know that a choice is wrong. Something will feel off about it.
- 🔥 The enemy tries his best to keep you from God's plan and dream for you. He will do everything he can to distract you, and he will try to stop you from moving forward. He will accuse you of things to keep you stuck in the guilt and shame of the past or in worry and anxiety about the future. He is a liar and a thief, but nothing and no one can stop God's plan for your life!

“At the beginning I declare the outcome; from of old, things not yet done. I say that my plan shall stand, I accomplish my every desire. I summon from the east a bird of prey, from a distant land, one to carry out my plan. Yes, I have spoken, I will accomplish it; I have planned it, and I will do it.”

—Isaiah 46:10–11

- 🔥 You need to keep moving forward, trusting that you aren't walking alone, despite anything negative coming at you. Learn to ignore the distractions.
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“Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come. You need simply watch the punishment of the wicked you will see. Because you have the LORD for your refuge and have made the Most High your stronghold, No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent. For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go.”

—Psalm 91:7–11

- 🔥 Your true identity is not found in the things of this world. Nothing and no one else can impart the deep joy and satisfaction that God gives with His truth and love. The fact that many celebrities suffer from depression that sometimes leads

to suicide reveals that money, status, and fame do not make a person happy. They can provide temporary pleasure, but it fades quickly and often leaves one empty without God as a guide. While money isn't bad and can be used for good, it will never fill the holes in our hearts—only God can!

☯ Money is not evil; Scripture tells us it's the "love of money" that is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). So, we must not have any idols in our life and know that God is above all.

☯ The Lord will provide for all that we need. We just need to put Him first and be good stewards of His grace. We must worship the provider over the provision and share what He gives us.

"But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all of these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself."

—Matthew 6:33–34

☯ The Lord will never lead you to do evil, so if one of your choices goes against the Ten

Commandments or your duties in life, it's safe to say it's not the right choice.

- 🔥 If something is God's will, He will open the door. Nothing and no one can stop Him!

"I know your works (behold, I have left an open door before you, which no one can close)."

—Revelation 3:8

- 🔥 God's answers are "yes," "later" (if it's not yet the right timing), or "I have something better." Trust that He will open the right doors and close the wrong ones. Remember God's timing is always perfect, and if a delay comes, there is a reason for the holdup. He may be preparing your heart to receive the blessing or preparing something or someone else—you can trust Him.

"For the vision is a witness for the appointed time, a testimony to the end; it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late."

—Habakkuk 2:3

- 🔥 God's will always leads to holiness, and you are called to holiness. Saint Maximilian Koble said, "God's will + your will = Sanctity."
- 🔥 When you unite your will with God and surrender to Him, you become who you were created to be.

*"Be who God meant you to be and you will
set the world on fire."
—Saint Catherine of Siena*

- 🔥 When you try to take matters into your own hands and tell God you want it your way without caring what He thinks about it, you can end up down a dark road. Only He knows what's best for you!
- 🔥 Even if you get it wrong and make the wrong choice, God still loves you. He will re-direct you and help you pick up the pieces if you allow Him.

*"The valiant one whose steps are guided by the LORD, who
will delight in his way, may stumble, but he will never fall,
for the Lord holds his hand."
—Psalm 37:23–24*
