

**A Pandemic Survival Kit Sermon Series**  
**How to Make Good Decisions**  
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**SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1: 9-11 NRSV**

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS- How to Make Good Decisions**

1. What jumps out at you about Paul's prayer for the Philippian church?
2. How do you go about making decisions in your life?
3. What is one of your best decisions you have made? What is one that you regret?
4. How have you been going about the decision-making process through this pandemic?
5. What are the ways that God can speak to us?
6. Why do we sometimes miss what God is saying?
7. What do you think of the statement that sometimes the lessons of failure can be more valuable than the lessons of success?
8. Paul prays that our love would overflow with knowledge and insight. What does a love shaped by knowledge and insight look like in our lives?
9. How might knowing well your own strengths and weaknesses improve the way you make decisions?
10. What do you think of St. Ignatius' guidance to never make a big decision when you are in a state of desperation or the throws of despair, because it will not be a good decision?
11. The sermon mentioned that the decision making process should not only consider yourself (The Me), but also include those impacted by your decision (The We), God, and also the context or situation. Are there any other factors that should be included?

12. Do you think it is healthy to cross-examine your own ideas? What are the benefits? What could be the drawbacks?
13. What do you think of US Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan's quote that "I would rather be right, than consistent." What would happen if you took that phrase seriously in your life?
14. If we all practiced discernment, do you think we would agree more? How would our relationships be?