



MESSAGE NOTES

When You Turn Right or Left

Isaiah 30:21
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Isaiah 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

1. The Holy Spirit Guides Us

We constantly face choices: *Should I take this job or stay? Should I speak up or stay silent?*

John 16:13 “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

2. The Bible is God’s Voice

In **Isaiah 30:21** the voice says, “**This is the way.**” For a modern believer, “**the way**” is rarely a mystery revealed in a dream; it’s usually found in the Word of God; the Bible.

3. God Directs Our Steps

Isaiah 30:21 doesn't say you'll hear the voice **before** you move; it says you'll hear it **as** you turn. This implies that as you step out in faith, God guides us as we go.

The Four Pillars of Guidance

These pillars act as “checks and balances.” If one is missing, our guidance becomes unstable.

1. The Bible: The “Voice” will never contradict the Bible.
2. The Spirit: An internal peace or restlessness (the “still small voice”).
3. Community: Wisdom from Church family and friends confirm God’s leading.
4. Circumstances: Opened or closed doors that clarify the path.

Caution: Don't confuse our desires with God's will.

Reflection Questions

- **Waiting or Walking?** Is there a decision where you are waiting for a “sign” before you act? How can you take a small step of faith this week, trusting God as you go?
- **Heart Check:** Is there something you “want” to do so badly that you might be ignoring what the Bible says about it?