

Weathering the Storm: Lack of Purpose

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[Isaiah 48:17](#)

This is what the Lord says — your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

You will know and fulfill God's will in your life if you...

1. **ACTIVELY LISTEN TO GOD**

How do we hear from God?

- **PRAYER**

[James 1:5](#)

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

[Psalms 37:7](#)

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

[Psalms 46:10](#)

to "Be still, and know that I am God;

- **HIS WORD**

[2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

God's will for your life will **NEVER CONTRADICT HIS WORD!**

[Psalms 119:105](#)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

- **HIS SPIRIT**

[John 16:13](#)

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth...

[Psalms 32:8](#)

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

You will know and fulfill God's will in your life if you...

2. **DO WHAT HE SAYS**

[James 1:22](#)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

[James 2:18](#)

But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

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3. **ADMIT COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON GOD**

[Matthew 26:39](#)

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

[2 Corinthians 12:9](#)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Jesus specializes in transforming pain into purpose.