KNOWING GOD'S WILL
Judges 6:36-40
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The Bible reveals everything we need to know, but not everything we want to know, about faithful living.

Introduction: 2 Peter 1:3-8

I. God does not call us to be mind-readers or psychics.

- The Bible gives us precise instructions and/or general principles for faithfulness.
  2 Timothy 3:16-17

- Following God is not a treasure hunt of deciphering hidden clues to make the right decisions.

- Paul sometimes went through "open doors," and sometimes he went another direction, and pleased God either way.
  Acts 18:20-21; 1 Corinthians 16:8-9; 2 Corinthians 2:12-13

II. "Putting out a fleece" is not how we learn God's will for our lives.

- Gideon knew what God wanted him to do because God told him.
  Judges 6:14

- Gideon did not put out the fleece to learn what God wanted him to do.
  Judges 6:36-37

III. God has plans and the Bible tells us what God wants us to know about his plans.

- Paul gave basic principles about marriage and celibacy, but left the choice up to us.
  1 Corinthians 7:28, 36, 39

- God's word tells us how to live faithfully, but not how to succeed in all that we do.

- God lets us make our own decisions.

Within biblical principles and guidelines, God gives us great freedom to make our own decisions.