

Worship Service
August 23, 2015

*Worship Song	Together with Band
Opening Prayer	Presider
Bible Reading	Acts 16:6-10..... Kurt Schwartz
Prayer	Ramon Roman
Announcements	Samuel Lebbie
Testimony and leader training report	Margarita Loo
Offering Prayer	Presider
Offering	Together
Special Song	ESF Band
Message	Timothy Hong
*Benediction	Presider
* <i>Please stand</i>	

Today's Sermon Outline

Finding and Following God's Will
Acts 16: 6-10

Through our plans and prayers

When Paul and his mission companions sought God's will, they did not just sit and prayed without doing anything. They had a clear goal for their mission. To accomplish the goal they made plans. And they did everything they could to follow their plans. And the Holy Spirit worked through their plans. The word in Proverb 16:9 says, "*In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.*"

To find God's will, we need to set a goal for our lives and make specific plans to accomplish that goal. Also the word means that while we make plans and follow up with the plans we must depend on and seek God's help through prayer. The text keeps telling us that "the Holy Spirit" did not allow them to go to certain regions and they obeyed what the Holy Spirit told them to do. It is proof that they kept praying to hear the voice of the Spirit. Are you doing everything you can do to follow up with your plans? Are you praying to seek God's help? You need to do these things to find and follow God's will in your life.

Through circumstances

When Paul and his mission companions tried to go to Asia, all the doors leading to the region were closed. Then, they changed their plans and tried to go to another region, Bithynia. But again all the doors were closed. But, after closing all doors against their plans, the Holy Spirit guided them toward a different direction through a vision. It was an invitation from Macedonia which was not in their plans. So although many doors were closed, a new door was opened.

The Spirit may still guide us through ways different from our original plans. He may open a new door toward a new direction. So we must be patient until we see a new door opened by the Holy Spirit.

Also to follow the guidance of the Spirit, whose ways of guidance are unlimited, we have to be flexible to give up our plan and follow the plan of the Spirit at any time (Mark 2:19-22). If you keep humbling yourself and surrender to the new movement of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit will guide you. Soon you will enjoy the movement of the Spirit in your life.

Through inner fruit

When the Spirit guides us there is fruit in our hearts-such as joy, peace, self-control etc. The fruit of peace is usually evidence we are following the Spirit (Philippians 4:67). So while Paul and his companions were seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they must have prayed always until they were confident of the way of the Spirit by peace in their hearts.

Of course, even if we are following the guidance of the Spirit, sometimes there may be uneasiness, struggles or even fears in our hearts.

But if we keep praying to follow the guidance of the Spirit, eventually the uneasiness, struggles and fears will be gone and peace will fill our hearts. Because, when we follow the Spirit's guidance, He certainly gives us inner peace. If you don't have peace when you make some decisions, or while you are doing something, or while you are heading in some direction, you need to wait and pray more. Take enough time to pray and wait patiently to receive peace, the fruit of the Spirit. And you will be able to find God's will and follow God's will with the peace of the Spirit.

Applications

1. What does the word in Proverb 16:9 encourage you to do for finding and following God's will?
2. What circumstances do you think the Holy Spirit uses to help you find and follow God's will?
3. How can you follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit who guides you through peace in your heart?

Announcements

Lunch Serving

*This week— Jovita Alegre, Rolando Sanchez

*Next week (August 30) – Kiwang Song

Saturday worship service

will be held each Saturday at 10:30 A.M. Those who work on Sunday shall come to this Saturday service.

Funds (\$100) for tickets to the movie 'War Room'

for evangelism are available. If you want to use these tickets to reach out to unbelievers, please contact Lynnne Atonson (773-627-3946) today.

Welcome back home

The family of Jose Espinoza (Martha, Esmeralda, Anna) returned home from their month stay in Ecuador last Thursday

Volunteers for Church Cleaning on Sundays (August)

Place	Group	Leader
Fellowship Hall	African/Korean/English	Samuel Lebbie
Sanctuary	Spanish	Analiz Garcia
Bathroom & Hallway	College and youth group	Mark Alegre
Sunday school rooms & Offices	Filipino	Lyle Atonson

Ushers of the Month of August

Offering Ushers	Patricia Grass, Martha Velaquez, Lyle Atonson, Jovi Dumagpi
Welcome Ushers	Priscilla Caronongan, Analiz Garcia
Kitchen	Lunch preparation group

Last Week's Offering

Tithe	Jovita Alegre//Lyle & Lynnne Atonson//Rene & Lynn Corachea//Jovi Dumlao//Romulo & Isabel Espinoza//Gail Hill//Timothy Hong//Lydia Hong//Aldrick & Jessica Lim// Raul & Lydia Lopez//Alex & Analis Lucas// Kiwang & Inok Ryu Song//Betty R. Jadam
Lord's Day	Kaya & Songul Armagan//Erlyn Balano//Teresita Dumagpi//Maximo & Bertha Fernandez//Haroon & Anayza Gill//Margarita Loo//Andrea Martin//Joseph & Jennifer Song//Marta Velasquez//Esperanza Evans//Diane Nealy//Christine Plimpton//Joseph Song
Thanksgiving	Gail Hill//Timothy Hong//Bok Sun Kim
Mission	Gail Hill//Aldrick & Jessica Lim//Raul & Lydia Lopez//Tamara Clark//Carlos Lopez

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	√
8/24(Monday)	Psalm 124-127		1 Corinthians 7:1-24	
8/25(Tuesday)	Psalm 128-131		1 Corinthians 7:25-40	
8/26(Wednesday)	Psalm 132-135		1 Corinthians 8	
8/27(Thursday)	Psalm 136-138		1 Corinthians 9	
8/28(Friday)	Psalm 139-141		1 Corinthians 10:1-13	
8/29(Saturday)	Psalm 142-144		1 Corinthians 10:14-33	
8/30(Sunday)	Psalm 145-147		1 Corinthians 11:1-15	

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Worship Services:

Sunday 11:30 AM, Saturday 10:30 AM
Main Worship Service for All

Prayer Services

Fridays 8:00 PM
Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 105

Bible Study

Shepherd Group –Wednesday 8:00 PM
Open to all – Saturday 10:30 AM
Cell groups –By appointment
Hope group – Sunday 10:00 AM

Cell Groups

According to arrangement of each cell

Campus Ministry

Wednesday- At Truman College

Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

Children's ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

ESF Band Practice

Friday 6:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

Missionaries

Nancy Campos – Campus ministry in Peru
Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic
Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India
Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines
Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA
Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa
Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia
Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe
Jung H. Suh – Campus ministry in Iowa, USA

Ministers

Senior Pastor – Timothy Hong

Youth Group Ministry – Aldrick Lim

Audio Visual Ministry – Ki Wang Song Administration – Samuel Lebbie

Assistant pastors – Ramon Roman, Kurt Schwartz, Harold Goneh