



REAL LIFE. REAL *Jesus*

The Decision Grid

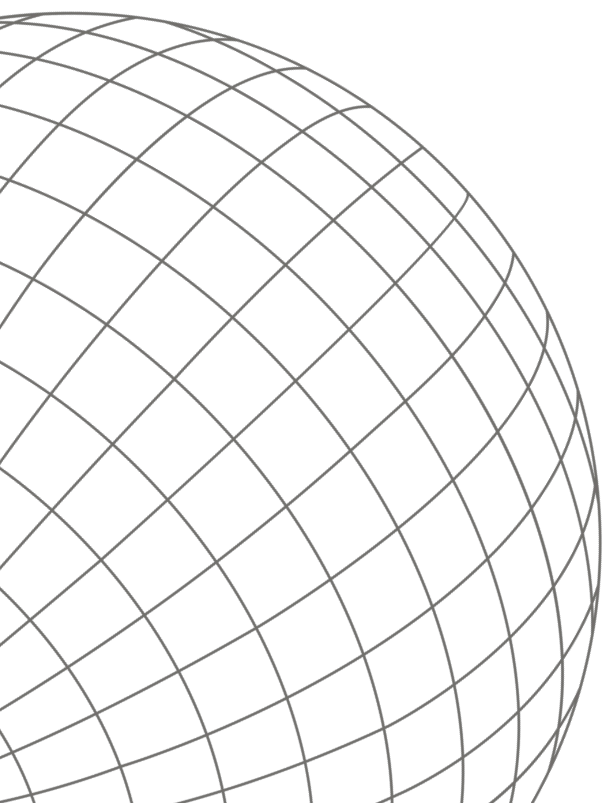
Life doesn't come with a roadmap—but that doesn't mean you're alone. At some point, every one of us faces a decision that feels too big, too confusing, or too risky to handle on our own. And when we're in that place, the pressure can be overwhelming: *What if I mess this up? What if I miss God's will? What if I regret this forever?*

But here's the truth: God isn't hiding His wisdom from you. He promises to give it generously when you ask (James 1:5). And He promises to make your path straight when you trust Him and submit (Proverbs 3:5–6).

This guide is here to help you do just that—slow down, seek God, and make decisions rooted in wisdom, not fear.

It's not a magic formula. It won't give you a perfect answer every time. But it will help you align your heart with God's—and when that happens, you can move forward with confidence.

Use this grid when you're facing a decision—big or small. Sit with the questions. Pray through each section. And most of all, invite Jesus into the process.



SECTION 1: BIBLICAL ALIGNMENT

Start by checking your decision against God's Word.

1. Does this decision violate a clear teaching of Scripture?

If yes, it's not from God—no matter how good it feels.

2. Is this choice built on truth or on feelings alone?

Emotions are real, but they can't be your foundation.

3. Is this wise—or just permissible?

Not every “okay” decision is the best decision (1 Cor. 10:23).

SECTION 2: RELATIONAL IMPACT

Your decision doesn't happen in a vacuum.

4. Could this decision harm another person emotionally, spiritually, or relationally?

Following Jesus means choosing love over selfishness.

5. Have I invited wise, godly people into this decision?

“Plans fail for lack of counsel...” – Proverbs 15:22

6. If married, is my spouse in agreement?

Unity in your closest relationship matters deeply.

SECTION 3: KINGDOM IMPACT

Don't just ask what this does for you. Ask what it does for eternity.

7. Could this decision help advance the Great Commission?

Does this open up new opportunities to serve, give, disciple, or go?

8. Will this grow my character and spiritual maturity?

Sometimes God leads you into things that stretch you—not comfort you.

9. Does this reflect the character of Jesus?

Would someone watching my life see Him more clearly through this?

SECTION 4: INNER PEACE

After everything else—what's going on inside of you?

10. Have I surrendered this decision in prayer more than once?

Not just “prayed about it,” but actually said “God, Your will over mine.”

11. Am I moving forward from peace—or pressure?

God's peace doesn't always mean “easy,” but it does bring clarity.

12. If God said “No” to this decision—could I live with that?

True surrender means letting God lead, even if it's not your plan.

FINAL CHECK-IN:

If you can answer these questions with clarity, counsel, and surrender, then take your next step with confidence.

“You don't need to be perfect. You just need to be submitted.”