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(Peace of mind awaiting trial? Possible execution)

Peace of Mind?—Mind racing, Overwhelmed, Uncertain, Pressure, Fear!

Biggest form—**Anxiety Decisions** The fact that you will inevitably make a Irreversibly **bad decision**

Have you ever had that moment when... **When You Just Can't Decide!**

Ever made a bad decision?

Ever made a good decision?

Making decisions can be stressful

Stress—

Jump right into College vs. Gap year!

Rent Apart—Buy House—

Newer car eliminate repairs—Keep driving the older one that may need repairs—(Always have a car payment - with a new one you just know when that payment will come. Or keep keep driving that beater with a heater and just keep Building my faith!

Dating Mr-No-Commit—Cut losses and be alone forever

Sell your house and buy another. hmmm

Just so complicated!

Did you know that We are now in what some have called the **Age of Anxiety!**

—More decisions now than ever before now – Why is it complicated?

1) We have too many choices. (Paradox of choices)

Talk about anything? Too many choices.

Article on inc. about average decisions made per day – Kids 3000 decisions, Adults 35,000

So why would we have anxiety over decisions?

2) We're afraid of making a costly mistake. (Missing God's Will)

Find-The-One—Pursue Your Purpose!—Live God's Will!

What if I miss the One?—Don't know my purpose?—Out of God's Will?

Not sure what do—Hesitate—Freeze—Don't do anything! - Indecision is a decision! Complicated!

So I want to challenge you as I say **"Don't Complicate it" – Here's One Simple Thought**

Powerful story Acts 15—Leaders of church dealing complicated issues.

What they were allowed to Eat & if new believers had to be Circumcised in order to be saved—Paul/Barnabas (Jerusalem)

Ladies - No Problem with the second rule but the men weren't signing up for circumcision class.

22Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas ... 25it seemed good to us, having become of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul ... 28For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials ... Acts 15: 22, 25, 28 (NASB)

So is the Bible really telling us to... *Just do what seems right... Feels right... ???*

This is why I will encourage you to READ YOUR BIBLE and why we hope to ALWAYS have free Bibles for you so that you read verses just like THIS ... **There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. Prov 14:12 ESV**

BECAUSE **If you are around the wrong people then your Listening to the wrong voices and Living for the wrong values and What seems right—Will often be wrong!** - Just smoke this it will calm your nerves, let's just see other people to know if were meant for each other, it's only a few drinks what will it hurt,

It's very easy to Get in the wrong crowd? even when your with the "right" crowd. (BoyScouts smoking rope story)

How could Paul, James, Barnabas, other church leaders be comfortable with these uncircumcised wrong meat eating people getting saved?

Decisions Doctrine? Church Direction? Eternal Destiny? Seemed right?

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They sought council, they sought unity, they sought God

Big difference—Seems right to a man! (Death)

Group Faith-filled—Devil-kicking—Mountain moving—Disciples Jesus!

Searching His Word—Seeking His heart—Listening for Voice!

With whole church—One accord—Unified—**Church!**

When we are in Fellowship—Agreement—One in Spirit!

Seemed right!

DON'T COMPLICATE IT! In this series we have been looking at anxiety and we have made these simple statements.

- Big enough to worry about–Big enough pray about!
- Anxiety is signal, alerting us time to pray.
- Don't always have power control, always power surrender.
- Because of who God is–Rejoice–Perspective Praise.

With a posture of prayer and perspective of praise, we will seek God and do what seems right!

Anyone in here use a GPS when you drive places?

Driving GPS, anybody have some interesting voices?

Anybody ever doubt their GPS?, Go your own way ... Take next right! This one??? About to pass–Next? (Seems)

There have been many times where I have just trusted the GPS to get me to my destination and it didn't seem right but it was. There have even been times that it re-routes me because of traffic and I am now 100% trusting it's guidance.

How much of our lives look like that? That we are trusting and following Gods Guidance. That were doing what seems right not just for ourselves but even with others.

But pastor Billy my anxiety is based on making the wrong decision...

Mess up? What does the GPS tell you to do when you mess up? Re-calculate.

Make a mistake? - Re-calculate

Miss out? - Re-calculating and getting you back to the intended destination.

Remember God formed us all and has a plan for each of us but we ALL HAVE SINNED and fallen short of the glory of God and so we all need to re-calculate and get back on the right direction from time to time.

Yeah the new route takes longer, yeah there may be some more twists or turns, yeah you won't get to your final destination in the desired time but if and when you **finally start to LISTEN to the instructor** you will indeed get to the destination that was planned for you in the first place.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

If we make a wrong turn–God is still working!

Paul? *In prison–What has happened to me–Advance Gospel!*

Voice says–Re-calculating!

God has a way of bringing good things out of wrong turns.

Shouldn't have dated him–Appreciate your godly guy!
Shouldn't have trusted–Grow ability forgive!
Shouldn't have been so stupid–Understand God's grace!

Wrong friends? Wrong entertainment? Wrong girls? Wrong guy?
Wrong substances? Wrong place–Right person! Called on Jesus!

From a blow out Drunk to celebrate recovery leader–but now when someone else is Struggling–YOU Can relate!

We have decisions to make, can we do so with the wisdom of others, can we do so in unity, and can we do so with God and between those three we should know what seems right.

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If you're here today and you recognize the need to recalculate and begin listening to the creator's voice then let's say this prayer together -- Heavenly Father, I'm a sinner IN NEED OF A SAVIOR. I have done my life my way, with no regard for your plans or purpose. But today that changes. Today I ask you to be my Lord and Savior, to make me new, to forgive me of my sins, to fill me with your Spirit so I could serve you. Today I declare that My life is not my own, set me apart, make me different, make my life count. Thank you for new life, today I give you mine. In Jesus name I pray. AMEN - SO BE IT!