

Introduction

My father got me a starter set of golf clubs at the age of three and I would hit balls in the back yard with him. By the age of seven I knew that I wanted to become a professional golfer. At nine years old I was playing from the Men's tees, shooting in the thirties for nine holes. By the time I was twelve years old I was shooting in the upper sixties for eighteen holes. In high school, I won nearly every match I played. In college I was the number one player on our team for 3 ½ years. After graduating, I turned professional and after one year I had successfully qualified for the PGA Tour. I was the youngest player on the PGA Tour at that time. I had some God-given natural ability, a God-given desire to play golf, and a God-given temperament that was well-suited for professional golf.

I have always enjoyed music. I learned to play the recorder in elementary school and I also took piano lessons. I continued my piano lessons in high school. My passion was golf and that is where I spent the majority of my time, but I liked music. One of my roommates in high school was a young man named Mark Felice. He saw that I was taking piano lessons and he began taking lessons. After three months he was playing all kinds of difficult pieces of classical music. It probably took him three weeks to advance past me, and I had been taking lessons for several years. I was greatly discouraged when I compared myself with my roommate. He was a gifted musician, although he did not discover it until he started taking lessons. He had God-given natural abilities and a desire to play. I enjoyed music, but I was never going to play at Carnegie Hall. In Proverbs 22:29, Solomon wrote, "Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men." I held on to this promise and tried to become as skilled as I could at golf, and I knew that I would play at the Carnegie Hall of golf, the PGA Tour. I believe it was God's will for my life to play competitive golf.

In 1984, I was playing the best golf of my career when I had an injury to my left shoulder. After about six months of rehabilitation I was still playing outstanding golf. But, God had put a desire in the early eighties to get training in relational evangelism, and I had not been able to receive that while I was playing on the PGA Tour. The new pastor at our home church, that replaced Jim Elliff, was gifted in small group ministry and relational evangelism, and he was offering training in the church. So, I opted to stay off the PGA Tour and receive training in Relational Evangelism. Those next few years were life changing for me. I not only received training in Relational Evangelism, but also received a lot of training in other areas. I was ordained as a pastor in 1986. Fast forwarding to 1989, I was sensing in my spirit that I was supposed to return to competitive golf. I felt that was where I belonged. I had a desire in my heart to go back on the PGA Tour. However, Karen and I were not in one accord about my return to the PGA Tour, so I waited very patiently for God to give us unity. In 1991, Karen had a change of heart about me returning to competitive golf and we were now in unity about that direction. The Lord also gave me a prophetic word and told me that He was putting us in a different church, Metro Life, and this was a going to be a brief hospital stay for me, and then He was going to send me out. One Sunday in 1992 as we were worshipping in church, the Holy Spirit came upon me and began speaking to me. I got my notebook out and was writing as fast as I could. He said that He was sending me out and He was going to put me back on the PGA Tour. We resigned from my job, and began preparing for the PGA Tour. I had not practiced or played for seven years, and I had a lot of work to do. I went to the PGA Tour School that fall and made it through all three stage, and was back on the PGA Tour. God fulfilled the word that He had given me. God used us significantly the next few years in professional golf.

In November 1995, while I was praying for a word of encouragement for Karen, the Lord told me that this next year was the last page of that chapter of my life. I knew exactly what He meant. I had won the Tallahassee Open in 1995, but the Lord was telling me that 1996 would be my last year in professional golf. I began to ask the Lord what plans He had for us since He was ending that chapter. God would often speak to me while I was having my daily runs. When I would get back to the house, I would write down the things that He was speaking to me. He told me that He wanted me to plant a church, and He gave me the vision for that church. God has not called many people to plant churches. That has been God's specific will for me. It is a lot of hard work, but God has given me the calling, grace, strength, desire, and anointing to do that work. Furthermore, God has given me great joy. I love planting churches. There are times that I get discouraged, but I still love doing what God has called me to do.

I share these stories with you because they have to do with finding God's specific will for our lives. God gave me a special gift in athletics. Millions of golfers around the world would love to play on the PGA Tour, but you have to be really gifted to play at that level. God not only gave me the gifts, but the desire. God also gave me a father who was willing to take me to the golf course and to teach me the fundamentals of golf. Not everyone has those opportunities, but God put me in the family that I was supposed to be in. God gave me a desire to learn more about relational evangelism. God gives each of us unique abilities, desires, and experiences to direct our paths. Sometimes He uses circumstances in our lives, like an injured shoulder to keep me in Orlando and actively plugged in to our home church. Sometimes He gives prophetic words to direct our paths.

Last week we spoke about God's General Will for our lives, and those things apply to all of us. He wants all of us to submit to authorities. He wants all of us to rejoice always. He wants all of us to give thanks in everything. He wants all of us to live sanctified lives and to abstain from sexual immorality. His General Will is primarily found in the Word of God, so we must saturate our hearts with His word. We must read and meditate on His word so that we are careful to do according to all that is written in it. (Joshua 1:8)

This morning we are going to look at God's Specific Will for our lives. First, we will see that God has a Specific Will for each of us. Second, we will see that He uniquely created us to fulfill His plans and purposes for our lives. Third, we will look at some of the ways that He communicates His Specific Will to us.

Discovering God's Specific Will For Our Lives

1. God has a Specific Will for each of us
2. God uniquely created us to fulfill His plans and purposes
3. God wants us to know His Specific Will for us

1. God has a Specific Will for each of us (Ps 139:13-16, Job 10:8, Jer 1:4-6)

My mother tells me that when I was about four years old, the Lord spoke to her in the kitchen at our home in Houston, Texas, and told her that I was going to be a pastor. I did not find this out from her until about a few years ago. God had a plan for my life. I believe that God has a plan for each one of our lives. I believe that God fashioned and formed us in the womb.

In Job 10, Job said to God, *“Your hands fashioned and made me...”* He recognized that he was not some biological accident. He understood that he had been fashioned and made by God. In Psalm 139, David said to God, *“For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb... Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”* God knew that He would raise David up to lead as the king of Israel. God knew that the Messiah would come through the lineage of David. And David knew that God had a Specific Will and plan for his life.

(Job 10:8) “Your hands fashioned and made me altogether, and would You destroy me?”

(Psalm 139:13-16) “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. {14} I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. {15} My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; {16} Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.”

Last week I mentioned the prophet Jeremiah and how while he was a youth God spoke to him about His life call. He said that He knew Jeremiah before He formed him in the womb. He said that He consecrated him before he was born. He told Jeremiah that He had appointed him as a prophet to the nations. God had a specific plan for Jeremiah’s life, and He gave him that calling through a prophetic word. God’s specific will for Jeremiah was to be a prophet to the nations. That was not God’s General Will for all of us; that word pertains only to Jeremiah.

(Jer 1:4-6) “Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, {5} ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.’ {6} Then I said, ‘Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth.’”

I do not believe these Scriptures just apply to Job, David, and Jeremiah. I believe that God creates, fashions, and forms each of us with a plan in mind. I believe He sees all of us before He has formed us in our mother’s wombs. I believe He has plans for each of us. I believe that God fashioned, made, and formed us. I believe that He had a plan for each of our lives. Wow! What amazing truths these are about God’s plans for each of our lives.

2. God uniquely created us to fulfill His plans and purposes (Ex 28:3, 31:1-9, 36:1, 1 Chron 15:22, Deut 8:17-18, Rom 11:33-36)

Rick Warren, pastor at Saddleback Church, said this about how God has uniquely created us to fulfill specific plans and purposes. *“God made us in a special way and the gifts and the abilities and the background He’s given you have a specific design and intent.”* We see this very clearly in Scripture. When God gave Moses the plans for the tabernacle, the furnishings, and the priestly garments, He said in Exodus 28:3, *“You shall speak to all the skillful persons whom I have endowed with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to Me.”* God endowed these people with special skills and with a spirit of wisdom for a specific reason. They were to make the priestly garments.

When it came time to make the ark of the covenant, the tent of meeting, the ark of the testimony, the mercy seat, all the furniture, the table, lamp, utensils and the altar of incense, He wanted it built by skillful people. In Exodus 31:1-9, *“the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ‘See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship. And behold, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill, that they may make all that I have commanded you: the tent of meeting, and the ark of testimony, and the mercy seat upon it, and all the furniture of the tent, the table also and its utensils, and the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offering also with all its utensils, and the laver and its stand.”* God gave them wisdom, understanding, and knowledge in all kinds of craftsmanship. God uniquely created them to fulfill His plans and purposes.

In Exodus 36:1 Moses said, “Now Bezalel and Oholiab, and every skillful person in whom the LORD has put skill and understanding to know how to perform all the work in the construction of the sanctuary, shall perform in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded.” They clearly understood that their skills had come from the Lord. In 1 Chronicles 15:22, David put Chenaniah in charge of the singers. Why? Because Chenaniah was skillful. God gave him musical skills and talents, and then He put him in charge of the singers. Not only did Chenaniah oversee the singers, but he also gave them instruction in singing. He helped them to become more skillful.

In Deuteronomy 8:17-18, God warned the Israelites about becoming proud when they became wealthy. He said, *“Otherwise, you may say in your heart, ‘My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.’ But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”* Are you a good builder? God gave you the wisdom and understanding in construction so that you could make wealth through your building skills. Are you good with numbers and do you have an administrative gift? Maybe God gave you the personality skillset to be a good accountant. He has empowered you to make wealth through your accounting skills. God has fashioned, formed, created, carefully made us with a plan in mind. He gave us unique gifts and abilities so that we could do certain things. When we are looking at God's Specific Will for our lives, we need to carefully consider our gifts, abilities, aptitudes, skills, personality, and desires. All of these work together to give us a composite picture of God's purpose for our lives.

In Romans 11:33-36, Paul asks some rhetorical questions. “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! {34} For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? {35} Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? {36} For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.” Everything that we have has come from God. None of us created ourselves. None of us made us who we are. None of us gave ourselves abilities to make wealth. God is the creator of all of us. He fashioned us. He gave us gifts, abilities, desires, experiences, personalities, etc. All that He has given to us is for Him and for His glory. He created us to bring glory and honor to Him in the specific calls that He has given to each of us.

3. God wants us to know His Specific Will for us

I believe that God speaks to us about His plans for each of us in a variety of way. I also believe that He confirms those plans and purposes because He wants us to know with certainty about the calling on our lives. I believe that there are both natural and supernatural ways that God communicates. I mentioned earlier that I was a gifted golfer as a youngster. Not only was I gifted, but I also had a desire. I have seen some gifted people who did not have a desire to do the things that they were gifted in. I have seen some people who were very gifted in a lot of different areas and they had a desire to do all of them, but you can't do everything. But abilities and desires are just two of the natural ways.

Natural Direction

I mentioned that God communicates His Specific will to us in natural and in supernatural ways. Sometimes, we are looking for supernatural revelation when the answer is right before our eyes, only it is simply in the natural. I was reminded of a story that I heard about a man who was waiting on the supernatural and completely missed God's answers, which were in the natural.

A fellow was stuck on his rooftop in a rising flood. He was praying to God for help. Soon a man in a rowboat came by and the fellow shouted to the man on the roof, "Jump in, I can save you." The stranded fellow shouted back, "No, it's OK, I'm praying to God and he is going to save me." So the rowboat went on. Then a motorboat came by. "The fellow in the motorboat shouted, "Jump in, I can save you." To this the stranded man said, "No thanks, I'm praying to God and he is going to save me. I have faith." So the motorboat went on. Then a helicopter came by and the pilot shouted down, "Grab this rope and I will lift you to safety." To this the stranded man again replied, "No thanks, I'm praying to God and he is going to save me. I have faith." So the helicopter reluctantly flew away. Soon the water rose above the rooftop and the man drowned. He went to Heaven. He finally got his chance to discuss this whole situation with God, at which point he exclaimed, "I had faith in you but you didn't save me, you let me drown. I don't understand why!" To this God replied, "I sent you a rowboat and a motorboat and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"

Sometimes God will give us Specific direction out of His word. Not long after I became a Christian I was reading the book of Ezra and Ezra 7:10 leapt off of the page. Ezra had set his heart on studying the law, practicing it, and teaching God's laws and statutes in Israel. I knew this was from God and it was for me. I was not a teacher. I did not know how to study, prepare or teach. I did not even have a desire or passion to do that, but I knew that God was calling me to devote my life to studying, applying the Scriptures in my life and teaching them to others. God can speak to you out of His word.

God can use the desires of our heart to direct us. In 1 Timothy 3:1, Paul wrote, "If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do." How do you know if God is calling you to be a pastor? One of the fingers that point to the calling of a man is a desire to pastor. God uses desires to direct us. I believe He puts those desires in us. So, when I do leadership training, I ask people if they have a desire to pastor. If they do, I want to help them fulfill that calling on their life. I want to train, equip, and raise them up to be pastors.

In 2 Samuel 7:1-17, David had a desire to build the Lord a house. He went and told Nathan what he had in mind, and Nathan said to him, "Go, do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you." Unless what we have in mind violates God's General Will or there is a specific word from the Lord not to do what is in our mind, we have the freedom to do it. That is what Nathan communicated to David.

(2 Sam 7:1-3) "Now it came about when the king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest on every side from all his enemies, {2} that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains." {3} Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your mind, for the LORD is with you."

I like what David did. The Scriptures teach us that it is our responsibility to plan, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. Our minds plan our ways but the Lord directs our steps. We have to make plans, but we have to submit these to the Lord and allow Him to have the final say in the matter. David went to the prophet Nathan to get an answer of the tongue from the Lord. David was submitted to the Lord and to his spiritual authorities. I like David's humility, submission, and heart to obey the Lord. He did not assume that all his desires were of God; he submitted his plans to Nathan, the prophet.

(Pr 16:1) "The plans of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD."

(Pr 16:9) "The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps."

After Nathan had told David to do all that was on his mind, the Lord told Nathan to go tell David that he was not to build a house for the Lord. The Lord said that David's son was going to build the house. So, Nathan went to David and gave him that message. God uses our desires to guide us, but it is important to lay them before the Lord and acknowledge Him in all our ways. David acknowledged the Lord and the Lord made his paths straight.

(2 Sam 7:4-17) "But in the same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, {5} "Go and say to My servant David, "Thus says the LORD, "Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in? {6} For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about in a tent, even in a tabernacle. {7} Wherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, which I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?" {8} Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel. {9} I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth. {10} I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, {11} even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you. {12} When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. {13}

He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. {14} I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, {15} but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. {16} Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." {17} In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David."

In addition to desires, God uses other natural things to help direct our paths. He uses our natural abilities, experiences, education, personality, and physical abilities. There are a number of different aptitude tests, personality, passion, and career tests available on line. By answering a number of questions, these tests will tell you which careers are most likely to be good fits. Some of the online career tests are free, but most of them have a small fee. Here are a sample of them: www.jobquiz.com (\$9.99), www.123test.com, www.careerfilter.com (\$11.90). On one site, it said I should be an environmental energy manager. At another site, it identified four fields of work and thirty-seven possible jobs. I am not looking for another job or career; I was taking these tests as part of my research for this message. There are a number of personality, passion, aptitude, and career tests. I do not have any problem with using some of these helpful tools. I believe that God gifts us in different ways for specific reasons.

Rick Warren, Pastor at Saddleback Church, uses the acronym, SHAPE, to help people find their area of ministry that God has called them to. The S is for spiritual gifts. The H is for heart. These are the things that you love to do. It helps you to identify what motivates and excites you. The A is for abilities. What vocational skills and natural talents do you have? The P is for Personality. We all have unique personalities and temperaments and God doesn't waste personality. He's given you a unique personality and that is one of the five factors you want to look at in determining God's will for your life. By looking at what God made you to be, you understand what God has made you to do. The E is for experiences. That includes educational experiences, spiritual experiences, and painful experiences. I believe that Rick's SHAPE assessment is another excellent tool to use. It is better than the online career tests because it includes spiritual considerations, like your spiritual gifts.

Here is an example of some things to consider when trying to discover God's Specific Will for your life. These different criteria form a composite picture. I filled this out for my life just to use as an example.

Spiritual gifts	Abilities/Skills	Desires	Exper./Educ.	Personality	Physical
<i>Teaching Admin. Organ. Leading</i>	<i>Writing Speaking Golfing</i>	<i>Equip men Grow things New works</i>	<i>Bus. Degree Bus. Leader Church planter Pro golfer</i>	<i>Processor Driver Faithful Selfless</i>	<i>Athletic Coordination Stamina</i>

As parents, we need to observe the strengths of our children. We need to observe their desires and the things that motivate them and give them joy. We need to help steer them towards those things. At the same time, we should ask God for His guidance and for prophetic words for them. I believe that parents have a role to play in training up a child in the way he should go. Part of

that is character training, and part of it is helping guide them in finding God's Specific Will for their lives.

I told one of my children to consider accounting, and she has a masters degree in accounting, and is a partner in an accounting firm. She is an excellent accountant. Another child said he wanted to be an architect. I counseled him to consider mechanical engineering. I have worked with a lot of architects and I thought my son was more geared towards engineering. He will be earning his mechanical engineering degree in a few weeks from now. God wants us to observe their strengths, abilities, desires, and help them find their course in life.

Supernatural Direction

In Hebrews 1:1, we read that God spoke to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways. He can speak through natural means and He can speak through supernatural means. God speaks to us directly, or with visions, prophecies, dreams, angelic visitations, or other supernatural means. I want to take a few minutes to look at some of the supernatural ways that God communicates.

(Heb 1:1) "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways."

First, sometimes God speaks directly to a person. He did that with Jeremiah and told him that He had made him a prophet to the nations. God spoke to little Samuel as a young boy. He did not recognize God's voice at first, but God spoke to him.

Sometimes God speaks through visions. In Acts 10, Cornelius had a vision and in that vision, He told him to send for Paul. A few verses later, Peter is praying and he gets a vision of unclean animals coming down, and he is told to eat it. Then, a few verses later, Cornelius' delegation arrives and Peter knows that God is sending him to Cornelius and the Gentiles because of the vision. He went with them without any misgivings, and Cornelius and his household received Christ and were baptized in the Spirit.

Sometimes God speaks to us through prophetic words. The primary purposes of prophecy are for consolation, edification, and exhortation. (1 Corinthians 14:3) However, sometimes God gives prophetic words to direct us. Sometimes, He gives prophetic words to confirm direction. When we planted the East Mountain Vineyard, Karen and I prayed for a prophetic word of confirmation and God gave one.

Sometimes God speaks through dreams and visions. After Jesus was born, the Lord spoke to Joseph in a dream and told them to go to Egypt. After Herod had died, the Lord spoke through another dream and told him to return.

(Matt 2:13-14) "Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." {14} So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt."

Sometimes God sends an angel to give us a word. The word angel means messenger, and that is one of their duties is to give us a message from God. The Lord sent an angel to Zacharias to let him know that Elizabeth was going to get pregnant, and have a boy named John. The angel told Zacharias about the calling of his son. (See Luke 1:13-15.) The Lord sent an angel to Mary and told her that she was going to conceive by the Holy Spirit and bear the Son of God. (See Luke 1:26-35.)

Conclusion and Applications

As we come to a close this morning, I want to reiterate that God has a unique and special plan for each of us. He had one for Paul, but Paul did not know it. Paul was doing the things that he thought he should do, and the Lord told him that it was hard to kick against the goads. God's plan for your life begins with a relationship with God. God had been preparing Paul for the work that He had purposed for him to do, but Paul was not following God's plan because he did not know God yet. Have you met Christ? Have you come into a relationship with Christ. That is the starting point of your journey. That is the starting point of knowing God's Specific Will for your life.

Jesus said in John 6:40, "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." God's will for you is to believe in Christ. It is not just God's will for you to believe and put your trust in Jesus Christ, it is the starting point of your journey. If you have never received Christ into your life, you can do that right now. Simply pray this with me.

"Father God, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that He came and died for our sins. I believe that You raised Him from the dead. I ask You to come into my life and to forgive me of my sins. I ask You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I ask You to reveal Your plans for my life. I ask these things in Jesus' name, the only name given among men by which we can be saved. Amen.

There may be others in here who have received Christ, but you are not sure of what God has planned for your life. I want to pray with you. If this is you, please raise your hands and I will lead us in prayer.

"Father God, we know that You have plans for all of us. You have made and fashioned us uniquely to carry out Your plans and purposes. Father, we ask You to reveal Your plans for our lives. We ask You to speak to us through dreams, visions, angels, prophecies or whatever other method You may choose. Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, and a willing heart to do the things that You show us. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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- 3. God wants us to know His Specific Will for us**
 - **Natural Direction** (2 Sam 7:1-17, Pr 16:1, 16:3, 2 Sam 7:4-17)

 - **Supernatural Direction** (1 Cor 14:3, Matt 2:13-14, Luke 1:13-15, 1:26-35, Heb 1:1)

Conclusion and Applications (John 6:40)