



# Wisdom to Discern

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Dave Michel

Stepping Stones Community Church

## 1. The decisions we make today determine the stories that we tell tomorrow

<sup>6</sup> Perhaps I will stay awhile with you, possibly all winter, and then you can send me on my way to my next destination.

<sup>7</sup> This time I don't want to make just a short visit and then go right on. I want to come and stay awhile, if the Lord will let me. <sup>8</sup> In the meantime, I will be staying here at Ephesus until the Festival of Pentecost. <sup>9</sup> There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me.

1 Corinthians 16:6-9 NLT

## 2. God doesn't always show us what to do but gives us wisdom to discern

Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. Proverbs 4:7 NLT

Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble. Proverbs 13:20 NLT

## 3. Getting wisdom from God

- Walk
- Ask
- Decide

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5 NLT

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

Psalm 32:8 NLT

Finally, when we could stand it no longer, we decided to stay alone in Athens. 1 Thessalonians 3:1 NLT

### Next Steps:

- Commit to seek God's wisdom by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Stop procrastinating and use the wisdom God has given me to make a decision: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Trust that God can give me wisdom to follow his "Divine Direction"
- \_\_\_\_\_