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Sermon Title: God, I Need Your Guidance
Key Scripture: Genesis 24:1-67
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/god-i-need-your-guidance
Date + Speaker: March 30, 2025 Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter: When in unfamiliar territory, what is your preferred way of orienting yourself and navigating from one location to another? Why? E.g. an App like Google Maps or a travel guidebook

The Big Idea: As followers of Jesus, we look to God for guidance. We can make plans but He establishes our steps. (Proverbs 16:9)

Discussion:

1. Read (or at least review) the whole text so that each member is familiar with the story. What images or snippets of conversation from the text standout and why?
2. What sorts of challenges might the servant have faced as he carried out the task he was given?
3. Read the 5 verses from the passage that refer to 'success' – v.12, v.21, v.40, v.42, and v.56. How do you define success?

Diving Deeper:

4. Trouble and timing issues can often be misinterpreted as evidence that we have made a mistake. Why? Brainstorm biblical examples that debunk this myth. Does it help knowing that even Jesus faced trouble and was VERY much in His Father's will. Why?
5. Can you think of an instance where delays and setbacks actually ended up positioning you where God wanted you when God wanted you there?
6. Re-read Genesis 24:28-52 and read Acts 15:28. Why is it important look for the Lord's confirmation when making decisions?

7. What sorts of ‘preparation’ can we be doing to help us recognize God’s leading and be confident when we step out in faith? What part does knowing God’s word ‘play’ in discerning God’s will? What part do people and circumstances play?
8. [Read Proverbs 3:5 & 6; Phil 4:5-7; 1 Thess 5:16-23] Is it ever ‘okay’ to fuss over the details of our future plans? When does it become wrong, even sinful? How can we experience the peace that passes understanding?
9. What practise can you incorporate going forward to grow trust and patience? Do you need to reframe your ideas of what ‘success’ is? Pray for one another.