Handling Forks in the Road

Sermon Outline

A. God is in Control of Every Decision/God Works Out His Purposes Despite Our Decisions (Proverbs 16:9; 20:24):

1. The mind is a place that God establishes wisdom and understanding.
2. To “plan” is to skillfully and actively create ideas of what to do.
3. Our decisions become behavioral patterns that God seeks to influence.
4. Every course of life is brought before God because He controls the outcome.
5. Despite the level of energy or strength that is put into person’s decision, God still controls the outcome.
6. God’s righteous decisions are incomprehensible.

B. No Matter the Difficulty We Face We Must Remain Focused/Remain Focused (Proverbs 4:25-27):

1. God’s complete control should cause us to move forward with confidence.
2. We must become intensely focused so that obstacles will not distract us.
3. The decisions we make must be so intensive that it smooth out all rough paths.
4. We decide which are roads well-traveled.
5. All our decisions, that are directed by God cannot be moved.
6. Thus, we must make a concerted decision to not turn away from God.

C. God’s Counsel Never Fails/God’s Counsel Guarantees Success (Proverbs 19:21):

1. The calculated course of life that every man takes comes from their deepest passions.
2. The Lord carefully considered, well organized plans are sure.
3. God’s plans are firm and are immovable. We can freely decide what we would like to do, but it is best to make decisions within the will of God because then we are guaranteed success (Joshua 1:5-9).

   a) “The steps of a man are established by the Lord, And He delights in his way.” (Psalms 37:23; NASU)
   b) “I know, O Lord, that a man's way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.” (Jeremiah 10:23; NASU)