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Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

In past generations, when grandparents tried often to make conversation with their not-often-seen grandchildren, one question was asked again and again: “And what do you want to be when you grow up?” Of course, not many children had any idea. One boy said he wanted to be a garbage collector, which produced smiles and a little laughter.

Sometimes pastors are asked how they came to be a pastor. For some, the call of God came early in their life; for others the call didn’t come until many years of experience had been earned in the business world first.

Being a prophet in the dark days of Israel and Judah was not a popular job. The people didn’t want to hear God’s warnings of punishment for their growing number of sins. The period of these prophets covered 500 years, from the tenth to the fifth century BC. Then there are no more prophets until John the Baptist, who announced the arrival of Jesus Christ, God’s Messiah, just before the start of His earthly ministry.

In today’s Bible Adventure, we focus on Isaiah, the most important prophet during the middle period of the prophets of Judah. He laboured for the Lord for 60 years, trying to guide the kings of Judah and the people of Jerusalem to follow the commandments of God. Isaiah’s name means “Jehovah saves” and the theme of his book in the Bible is salvation.

Although the prophets spoke to their own generation, they were ever looking forward to future events. Isaiah foretold the failure of the chosen people and the coming of the Messiah. Throughout his book, Isaiah spoke of the ultimate triumph of God's plan through His appointed Servant, the Lord Jesus Christ, to bring final victory over all sin through His own suffering and death.

Isaiah also wrote down his calling to be God's prophet and we can read about this in Isaiah, Chapter 6.

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King Uzziah of Judah began to reign as king when he was 16 years old. He worshipped God and ruled for 52 years. Uzziah built up the prosperity of Judah but also became proud in his achievements.

He went to the Temple to do the work of a priest, which was something God forbade. God humbled Uzziah with leprosy.

His son Jotham helped him rule the kingdom from then on, until his death in about 740 BC. The prophet Isaiah had his life-changing vision and call to God's work in the year that King Uzziah died.

How can we find out what God wants us to do with our lives? Does He have a plan for each of us? Yes, God's plans are complete and cover such things as what the type of work we will do to earn our living, where we will live, whom we will marry and the roles of service we will be doing for the increase of His kingdom. Many elderly Christian people have been amazed at how God lead them through life. They could never have imagined in their young years how God would equip and work through them.

God reveals His steps for us one at a time. But are we willing to do whatever He says? Some people have a bad attitude and say they'll wait and see what God wants them to do first. Then they will decide if they will do it or not. The attitude of Christ to love God's will first should be our attitude too. When we seek God's guidance, do we look for opportunities to reach other people for Him or do we hope that God will give us a comfortable life?

The first step in seeking God's guidance needs to be prayer. Prayer involves asking God what He wants us to do. In the New Testament book of James, Chapter 1, it says: "If any of you lack wisdom, you should pray to God, who will give it to you; because God gives generously and graciously to all. But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all." You must expect God will answer your prayer.

Some situations don't need a prayer to God for His guidance because the Bible has already given the answer. If a Christian wants to marry a person who doesn't trust in Christ, the answer from the Scriptures is very clear: A believer should never marry an unbeliever.

Another way to ask for God's guidance is to ask mature Christians to pray to God on your behalf. One of the best indications of knowing God's will is your own peace of heart and mind. If you don't feel comfortable in doing a certain thing, it is time to pull back and ask yourself why.

There are also some wrong ways to seek God's guidance. Two friends met after not seeing each other for a long time since their school days. One had finished his university studies and built a successful career. The second man had dropped out of study as soon as he could, yet he seemed to be doing very well. The university graduate asked the second man how everything was going with him.

The less-educated man told his story like this: One day I opened my Bible at random and dropped my finger on a page. The word under my finger was oil. So I invested in oil and all those wells have produced plenty.

Then I tried the same method again, and my finger stopped on the word gold. So I invested in gold and those mines have produced very well.

The university graduate rushed to his hotel, grabbed a Bible, opened it up and dropped a finger on a page.

When he opened his eyes, he saw that his finger rested on the words Chapter Eleven. Random and quick Scripture searches do not usually give God's plan for one's life.

There are some costs for living for the Lord and seeking His will. Earthly pleasures and time-wasting pursuits must be denied so we have enough time to do what God has called us to do. The joy of doing His service far outweighs the costs of what we must give up in this lifetime.

A couple planning to buy a new house spent much time praying to God for guidance for this next step in their lives. They gave God plenty of opportunities to close the door on buying a house that they thought to be most suitable. God appeared to bless the move but five years later, a housing market crash made their home considerably less valuable than it had been before.

“Why didn't God stop us from buying it?” the husband and wife asked each other in confusion and disappointment. They thought they'd done everything right with God. One day when the wife was praying, she sensed God asking her to consider that maybe He wanted them in that neighbourhood to minister there rather than to make them financially well off.

The couple then thought of all the people they had been able to reach in that area for the Lord. Then they asked themselves, “Are we willing to surrender to a God who would lead us to make a decision that turned out to be a financial loss but spiritually profitable?” Does obedience to God oblige God to bless us, or can obedience call us to make sacrifices producing bountiful blessings to others?

The Old Testament prophets certainly seemed to live lives of sacrifice with very little worldly possessions. Isaiah did have a wife and two sons but no details of any families for most of the other prophets are recorded in the Bible. Do you need God to show you His next step in your life plan? Pray humbly to Him today believing He is willing to do this and then accept His answers for your prayers.

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That was Ron Hemby singing “Beloved, Now we are children of God.”

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