

# Snakebites, Shipwrecks, and Knowing God's Will

## "The Life of Paul" episode 51

Acts 28:1-10

"People have devised all kinds of approaches in seeking God's will. Some consult Ouija boards. Some go to New Age "channelers," who claim to be the vehicles for the counsel of wise people long dead. Some flip a coin. And some sophisticated church leaders use computer-generated probability studies. They argue that it's God's will to use technology to seek God's will.

"But seeking after God's will didn't start in the 20th century. As far back as we can go in recorded history, people have tried to get divine guidance for the living of life."

Haddon Robinson, *Decision-Making by the Book*

1. Know at the start that the Christian life is a high-\_\_\_\_\_ life.

2 Sam 10:12 Esther 4:16 Daniel 3:15-18

Acts 21:13 2 Cor 11:24-27 2 Tim 3:12

2. Know God's will for your relationships in the world:

*"Evangelism often, kindness \_\_\_\_\_."*

Acts 27:3, 22-25, 33-35 28:2, 7-10

3. Be slow to read God's will out of cir\_\_\_\_\_.

*An open door doesn't have to be walked through:* Acts 16:26, 36

1 Cor 16:7-9 vs. 2 Cor 2:12-13

"But somewhere perhaps there is trouble and fear. There may be someplace where little children cannot play in safety, some woman may have been carried away from her home--perhaps there are even dragons left to be slain. Tomorrow I shall ride away and never stop until I find work which only a knight can do." *St. George and the Dragon*<sup>3</sup>