



- I can't get to God's destination if He's not leading.

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Romans 8:14 (NLT)

What makes our experience great:

- We're not in charge.

For our experience to be great:

- We have to relax and let God lead.

25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galatians 5:25 (NLT)

5 STOPS: That keep us from being led by the Spirit.

- I can't follow a culture that's not following God.

2 Do not copy the behavior or values of this world. Instead, let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is! Romans 12:2 (NLT)

- I can't follow friends who aren't led by God.

7 Do not let anyone lead you the wrong way! Christ is righteous, so to be like Christ, you must do what is right. And anyone who keeps on sinning is being led by the Devil." 1 John 3:7 (NCV)

- I can't look to other sources besides God.

10 "...And do not let your people practice fortune-telling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft, 11 or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead. 12 Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord..." Deuteronomy 18:10-12 (NLT)

- I can't be led by my circumstances.

Example from Paul: Acts 27:10,13-15

- I can't be led by my feelings.

12 You may feel you're on the right road and still end up dead. Proverbs 14:12 (CEV)

20 Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. 1 John 3:20 (NLT)

5 Starts: To being led by the Spirit:

- It starts with a relationship with Jesus.

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God... Romans 8:16 (ESV)

- I have to want to be led.

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. Galatians 5:16 (NLT)

- Look to God's Word.

16 All Scripture is inspired by God... 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. John 14:26 (NLT)

133 Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by evil. Psalm 119:133 (NLT)

- I start thinking about things that please God.

5 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. Romans 8:5 (NLT)

- I start living to please the Spirit.

8 Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. Galatians 6:8 (NLT)

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Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

Connection Group Leaders: During this series give your Connection Group a Camp feel. Maybe add games, projects, crafts, smores around a campfire, etc.

- What spoke most to you from the talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Have you had a great camp experience in your life? Tell us about it.
- Is it difficult for you to give up control of your life? In your own words, what does giving up control mean? Are you able to relax and let God lead?
- Read Galatians 5:25; What does that mean to you?
- Discuss the "5 Stops" we need to make that keep us from being led by the Spirit.
- Which of these are most difficult for you? Why?
- Why do you want to be led by the Spirit?
- How do you allow God's Word to give your life direction?
- What does Galatians 6:8 mean to you and how do you put that into practice?
- Do you think being led by the Spirit is good or essential? Explain.

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