Message Notes:	NEXT <i>MOVE</i>
	How to Make Decisions in a Global Pandemic - Bevan Unrau October 18, 2020
	Proverbs 3:5–6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
	1. The Leaning Decision
	Proverbs 29:25 Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.
	• The Odds
	2. The Acknowledging Decision
	3. Watch God Straighten your Paths

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As we make this $\ensuremath{\textit{NEXT MOVE}}$ we are asking everyone to prayerfully consider

- a one-time gift by the end of the year, a contribution over the next three years, and letting us know the total of both on November 8th.

Growth Group Homework

Week of October 18, 2020

Warm-Up

1. From last week's discussion, was there anything you have been able to apply?

2. What is a recent decision you are really glad you made?

Talk it Over

- 3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging or helpful?
- 4. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What is a decision you made that led you down an unexpected path?
- Joseph faced many challenges in his life, yet he made wise decisions and trusted God during challenging times. Read the following passages. Identify each of Joseph's decisions followed by each result.

Genesis 39:7-15 Context: Out of jealousy for their father's love of Joseph, his brothers sold him into slavery. He was bought by his master Potiphar and put in charge of his household.

Genesis 39:19-23 Context: Joseph ends up in prison after being wrongly accused by Potiphar's wife.

Genesis 41:14-16 Context: Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams and then was put in charge of his palace.

Genesis 45:3-8 Context: Joseph chose to forgive his brothers, despite their wrongs against him.

6. At first glance, it seems like Joseph's path in life was very crooked. But after looking at the end result, it turns out that it was the straightest path to get to where God wanted him. How did Joseph's decision-making show his trust in God?

7. Is there something you learned from Joseph's story that you could apply to your decision-making process?

Take it Home

8. Are there any decisions you could make this week that would show your trust in God?

Prayer Focus:

Ephesians 5:15-17

Pray for...

- Humility: To confess our brokenness to God.
- Help: That we can spend time this week learning and acting on the truths in the Bible.
- Strength: Life's situations are challenging. We need God's strength to do what is right.