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## 700 Club Canada Partners: It Is Well With My Soul



# Big Decisions, Big Guidance

You can trust God to show you His will

God cares about us and will lead us in every decision, no matter how small. Sometimes we have major choices—such as whether to marry, start a new business, or move to another city. And when we face big decisions, God gives us big guidance.



We see this in Acts 10, when He reveals to Peter that the Gospel is not just for Jews but also for Gentiles. He gives this revelation through visions, an angel, and the voice of the Holy Spirit to make His will abundantly clear.

The biggest decisions in our lives are often initiated by God. He called me to start a television station when I didn't even own a TV, and later He called me to found a university. The witness of the Spirit, confirmation from others, circumstances, and other forms of guidance all lined up to validate His voice saying in my heart, "Do it!"

If the Lord is going to make a radical shift in your life, you have every right, biblically, to say, "God, I've got to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that what I'm hearing is of You." As you weigh it and wait on it, God will confirm it. Don't be in a hurry; wait patiently for His clear, unmistakable guidance before making a major change.

Let God give you the same kind of guidance that He gave to people in the Bible. He will do it! Friends will come. Circumstances will line up. His Word will be a witness to you. He will speak in your heart. His peace will be there. Just remember, big decisions need big guidance. This is His principle, and He will not disappoint you. God bless you.

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# Faith for the Journey



by LAURA-LYNN TYLER THOMPSON  
Co-host of *The 700 Club Canada*

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Easier said than done... I love the story behind this beautiful hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul." The author was Horatio Spafford. He had it all in the 1800s. He was a wealthy Chicago lawyer with a beautiful wife, a four-year-old son, four wonderful daughters and a lovely home. He was a strong man of faith, was friends with D.L. Moody, and he loved to study the Scriptures.

Within a short time, his young son died suddenly, then the Chicago Fires completely decimated his financial portfolio. As if matters couldn't get any worse, he sent his wife and daughters off on a ship travelling to Europe, in order for them to grieve over their loss and to find some rest. Their vessel was hit by another ship and it sank quickly, killing all four of his daughters. His wife later sent him a now well-known telegram which only said, "Saved alone."

Several days later, Spafford, in the most incredible storm of his personal life, wrote the time-treasured words of this hymn: *Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate and has shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul...*

That was a man truly at peace in trusting Jesus



with his helpless, powerless position. Later he and his wife had three more children—two girls and a boy. That son also died in infancy.

I don't know where you are today or what storm you are facing. This year has been a really tough year for some friends of mine. One woman lost her husband very

quickly to cancer, another couple lost their beautiful 15-year-old son overnight to meningitis. Their faith has inspired my soul.

Personally, I don't know how I would handle such unimaginable pain. I pray only that God would find me on my knees in surrender to His will. Job declared, *Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him* (Job 13:15).

Father, may our lives exude such trust, such dependence on You, that whatever our lot, we will live and breathe in the knowledge that You are faithful and we can trust You.

*It is well with my soul.*

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by GORDON ROBERTSON, Chief Executive Officer, CBN

**P**salms is the great hymnbook of the Old Testament, but it is more than a collection of songs. It is also a record of King David's prayers, containing keys about how to approach God and receive answers to prayer. The Lord promises, *Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know* (Jeremiah 33:3).

It is by calling out to God—what we commonly call prayer—that we find answers. That is where God communicates directly to us.

Psalm 32 is one of my favourite psalms. The starting point of any prayer to a holy and righteous God is to understand that we are sinners and need His forgiveness. Only then can we enter His throne room and come boldly to the throne of grace to receive answers for our prayers. Verse 5 says:

*I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah*

The Hebrew word at the end, *selah*, is a musical notation for a pause. In this pause, the musicians were expected to improvise while the congregation would stay silent and meditate on the true meaning of the previous verse. This verse says, *You forgave the iniquity of my sin*, and we need to meditate on that.

The Bible says in 1 John 1:9, *If we confess our sins, He*

*is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

When we are cleansed before Him, we can confidently go to the throne of grace and ask for what we need. But if we are holding on to our sin, our hearts will condemn us, and will keep us from coming to our righteous God.

Everyone who considers himself godly needs to pray this prayer, confessing his sin to the Lord. In Luke 18:10-17, Jesus tells the parable of a Pharisee who offers up a very self-righteous prayer, and contrasts that with a man who simply says, *God, be merciful to me a sinner!* And that man was the one who came away justified.

When we begin our prayers with confession, then we have the promise of Psalm 32:6-7: *For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him. You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.*

What a wonderful promise: we will be surrounded by songs of deliverance when we come before Him and confess our sins. If you make this a daily habit, your life will change. God bless you.

*Scripture is quoted from the NKJV.*

*This inspirational teaching can be found at CBN.com.*

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