

Prayer & Decision Guide

Thank you for joining the Rooted journey!

The following is a 3-stage spiritual decision-making process — **Surrender, Listen, Obey** — to guide your personal discernment over the coming days or weeks.

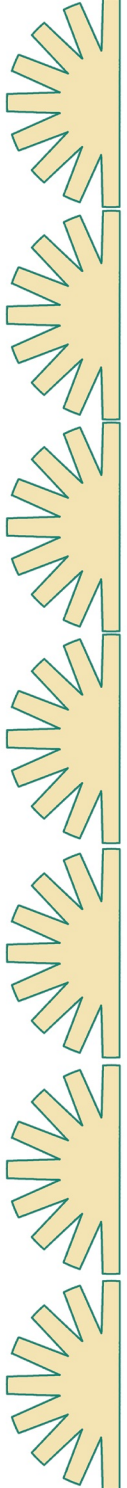
Awakening's Story & Your Life Map

Great spiritual movements begin with bold, courageous faith. Read Acts 2:42–47. The early church dedicated themselves to teaching, fellowship, generous sharing, and daily unity. For 14 years, God has been building our community in Silicon Valley, hungry for His presence. As we enter our 15th year, God is calling us to transition out of our temporary space limitations and step into a permanent home for spiritual rootedness.

Peaks & Valleys Life Map

Before stepping into the surrender-listen-obey process, take 15 minutes to reflect on how God has led you to this point:

1. Draw a horizontal timeline from your birth to today.
2. Plot your **Peaks** (moments of major joy, spiritual growth, breakthrough) high, and your **Valleys** (trials, painful seasons, financial or personal strain) low.
3. Mark key spiritual turning points (e.g., when you first trusted Christ, when you arrived at Awakening, moments of sacrificial giving).
4. **Reflect:** How has God proven His faithfulness to you in past "deep water" moments?





Surrender

"Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

- Luke 5:4

Deep Water Moments

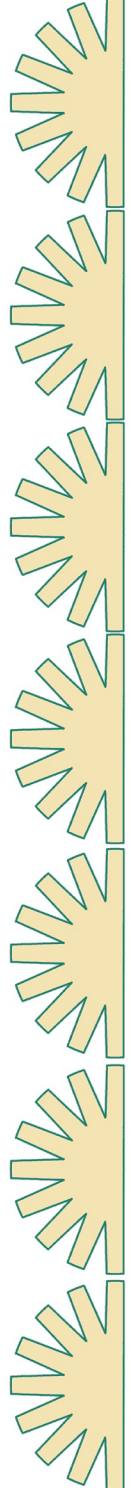
"Deep Water Moments" are pivotal points where God asks us to make an investment or sacrifice that requires stepping beyond our comfort, assumptions, or current budget. Peter surrendered his professional fishermen's judgment to Christ's authority, resulting in a miraculous catch and a call to a larger mission.

Personal Reflection Questions

- What areas of my life (financial security, future plans, control) are easiest to surrender to God? Which are the hardest?
- What "nets" or comfort zones might God be asking me to drop to help establish a permanent spiritual home for Awakening Church?

Personal Action Step: Time, Treasure, & Talent Inventory

1. On the next page, list your assets across three columns: Time (schedule/focus), Treasure (assets, equity, income, investments), and Talents (skills/influence).
2. Open your hands physically over this sheet as a symbol of surrender.
3. Pray: "Lord, everything I have belongs to You. What does 'above and beyond' surrender look like for me/us in this season?"





Listen

"About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray."

- Acts 10:9

Creating Space to Hear

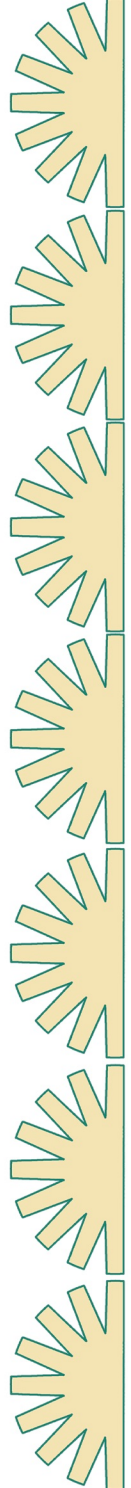
Peter got away from distractions, set aside dedicated time, and chose a meaningful environment to seek God's direction. In a fast-paced environment like Silicon Valley, hearing God requires intentional stillness.

3 Principles for Confirming God's Prompting

1. **Direct Clarity:** Did you sense it from God in prayer, rather than external pressure?
2. **Scriptural Alignment:** Does the prompting align with God's character and Word?
3. **Wise Counsel:** Have you processed this with a close friend, spouse, or a trusted mentor?

Personal Action Step: The Roof-Top Hour

- Set aside 45–60 uninterrupted minutes this week in a quiet space.
- Bring your **Life Map** and **Treasure Inventory**.
- Don't immediately jump to numbers or calculations. Linger in the stillness and pray: "Lord, what figure or sacrifice are You putting on my heart for Rooted?"
- Use the next page to write down any initial thoughts, figures, or promptings you receive.





Obey

"Lord, if it's You," Peter replied, "tell me to come to You on the water."

- Matthew 14:28

Stepping Out of the Boat

Moments before God moves, He calls us to move. Extraordinary moves of God begin with ordinary acts of trust and obedience. When considering a commitment to the Rooted campaign, expect to feel a mix of emotions—excitement, fear, and joy. Obedience means stepping out of the boat of comfort onto the water of faith.

Personal Reflection Questions

- Has God given me (or my family) a clear sense of what our "above and beyond" commitment should be?
- Am I yielding to fear, or am I stepping forward in faith?

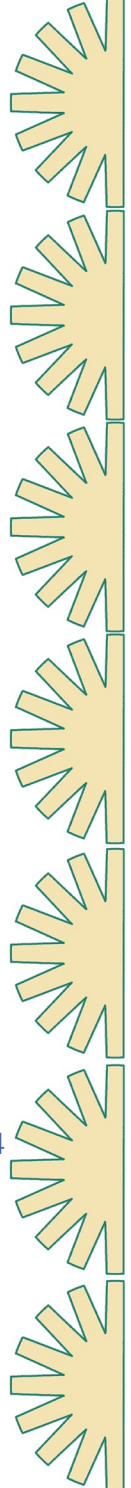
Personal Action Step: Dedication Prayer & Commitment

Pray through this personal declaration:

God, You are my Provider and Giver of every gift. | James 1:17

You are my Protector and loving Father. | Psalm 46; Matthew 6:25–34

I trust You to supply and resupply my needs | Philippians 4:19





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The prompting I am hearing from You for the Rooted Campaign is:



Give me the courage and joy to join Awakening Church in Rooted.