



new life fellowship

**Sermon Title: Discovering God's Will for Your Life**

**Speaker: Rich Villodas, Lead Pastor**

**Scriptures: Psalm 40: 1-8**

"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare. Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened — burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

*Psalm 40:1-8 NIV*

#### **Sermon Outline:**

1. Verse 8 of psalm 40 is foundational for discernment!
2. **Where do you need to make a decision this year?**
3. **Always discerning but never deciding/Always deciding but never discerning.**
4. **"In God's Will is our peace."**
5. **Discernment: To distinguish between things. To separate things according to their various natures.**
6. **Before we can discern God's will, we need a heart that delights in God's will.**

#### **Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday Pastor Rich begins a series on discernment, sharing with us tools for how to discover God's will for our life.

#### **Sermon Questions:**

What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?

- How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
- How has your family of origin made it easy or difficult for you to discern God's will for your life?
- What's a decision you need to make this year? Where do you need clarity?
- Do you find yourself always discerning but never deciding?
- Do you find yourself always deciding but never discerning?
- Would you say you have a heart that delights in doing God's will? How is the Lord inviting you to grow in this?