

That's a Good Question

The Conscience Question

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It's so easy to miss or ignore the red flags in our lives. How can we learn to recognize them and make better decisions? That's what the Conscience Question can help us do.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- The Conscience Question—Are there any red flags?
 - It's easy to miss and/or ignore the red flags in our lives.
 - So often, our red flags seem like annoyances.
 - Red flags are often the Spirit of God guiding us, revealing the right route, helping us to see the better decision.
 - Read the story of David sparing Saul's life in 1 Samuel 24, vv.1-7.
 - But then David's conscience began bothering him because he had cut Saul's robe. He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this to my lord the king. | 1 Samuel 24, vv.5-6
 - The red flags presented themselves, and David slowed down enough to ask, "What happens if I do this, and become just like Saul? Is this the right route to the throne? Is this what God has for me?"
 - A good way to start recognizing red flags is to look back—try to better understand the poor decisions you've made in the past.
 - Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others. | Proverbs 12, v.15
 - If a red flag pops up, listen to the counsel of others.
 - We have to be able to listen to and trust God's voice. To do that, we need to know His voice.
 - In your busy life, have you taken the time to ask God, "What would you have me do?"
 - Slow down. Ask the question, "Are there any Red Flags?" Evaluate. Turn your ear to God and get to know His voice.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which of the questions in this series have you found the most helpful, and why? (What would be most honoring to God? What story do you want to tell? Am I telling myself the truth? Are there any red flags?)
2. Think back to some of the decisions you've made where you didn't heed the red flags? What were some of those red flags you missed or ignored?
3. Is there a particular area of your life where you're most susceptible to missing red flags? Relationships? Finances? Work?
4. Are you slowing down enough in your life to see any red flags, to ask God, "What would you have me do?" before your decisions?
5. What's a way you can become more familiar with God's voice so you recognize it when it's speaking to you?