



How Do I Know God's Will?

⁹"Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." ¹⁰And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested." ~1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Three Lessons from Jabez

1. You need a **great ambition**.

Three misconceptions that hold us back:

- A. We confuse **humility** with **fear**.
- B. We confuse **contentment** with **laziness**.
- C. We confuse **little thinking** with **spirituality**.

2. You need a **growing faith**.

Two facts about Jabez:

- A. He had no **special ability**.
- B. He had some type of **handicap**.

3. You need a **genuine prayer life**.

Jabez prayed for three things:

- A. **God's power** in his life.
- B. **God's presence** in his life.
- C. **God's protection** over my life.

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