《天路导向(粤)》双语讲义

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- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好,
- 2. Thank you very much for tuning in to this broadcast.

非常感谢你能收听这个节目。

3. We are in the midst of a series of messages entitled, "Looking Up" ... when life knocks you down.

今天我们进入到了系列讲座的中间部分,题目是"遭遇挫折,举目仰望"。

4. People often ask me, "How can you know the will of God?"

人们常常问我: "你如何才能知道神的旨意呢?"

- 5. I have been asked that question many times; 这个问题我被问了太多次了;
- 6. and, today, I want to give you the biblical tools to help you answer this question.

 所以今天,我要给你一个圣经的依据来回答这个问题。
- 7. We will do this by studying how the Apostle Paul discerned the will of God in his life. 通过学习使徒保罗是如何领受神在他的生命中的旨意,我们也就能逐渐掌握了。
- 8. There are four tools to help us discern the will of God listed here in Acts, Chapter 21; 在使徒行传 21 章中列举了四个方法来帮助我们明白神的旨意;
- 9. so, if you have your Bible, please turn to it. 如果你手边有圣经,请翻到使徒行传 21 章。
- 10. Here are the four tools. 这四个方法是:
- 11. First, 第一,
- 12. you must submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ. 你必须顺服耶稣基督的主权。
- 13. Second, 第二,

- 14. expect God to speak to you in some way. 期待神用某种方式来跟你说话。
- 15. Third, 第三,
- 16. test the spirits; 要分辨诸灵;
- 17. and, fourthly, 第四,
- 18. you must wait for the timing of God. 你必须等待神的时间。
- 19. Let's go through these one by one. 让我们一点一点来看。
- 20. What does it mean to be "in submission to the lordship of Jesus Christ?" 那么,什么是顺服耶稣基督的主权呢?
- 21. It means that you are going to put your desires in neutral. 它是指,你要把你自己的愿望放在一边。
- 22. We all have desires and strong feelings. 我们都有愿望,和强烈的感受。
- 23. We all want everything in our lives to work without problems 我们都希望生活中事事顺利,
- 24. and none of us welcome trials and uncertainty: 没有人喜欢变幻莫测的未来,并受到考验,
- 25. but submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ means that you are willing to put your desires in neutral.
 但顺服耶稣基督的主权,意味著你甘心把你个人的愿望放在一边。
- 26. Why neutral? 为什么放在一边呢?
- 27. Because when you place your desire in neutral, 因为当你把自己的愿望放在一边的时候,
- 28. you are allowing God to lead you to His perfect will for you.
 你就会让神引导你进入到祂的完美旨意之中。

- 29. We saw, in the last message, in Acts 20, 在使徒行传 20 章的最后一部分信息中,我 们看到,
- 30. that, when Paul was talking to the Ephesian elders in Miletus, he said the following to them: 保罗在米利都对以弗所教会的长老们谈话的时候,他讲了下面一段话:
- 31. he said, "I'm going to Jerusalem, 他说:"我要到耶路撒冷去,
- 32. and I know that I'm going to be facing difficulties and trials there..." 并且我知道,在那里我会面临困难和考验..."
- 33. then he said, 他接著又说:
- 34. "but God is calling me to go." "但神呼召我去。"
- 35. Do you know why most people want to know the will of God? 你知道很多人想明白神旨意的原因吗?
- 36. So that, if they see a hint of difficulty, they can run away from it; 那是因为,如果他们事先能看到有一点困难的迹象,他们就可以飞快地跑开;
- 37. but Paul is saying that he knows the will of God and he's still determined to go to Jerusalem; 但保罗是说,他明明知道神的旨意是什么,他仍然决定去耶路撒冷;
- 38. but that's not all. 这还不是全部。
- 39. Look at Acts 21:10. 请看使徒行传 21 章第 10 节。
- 40. There was a prophet by the name of Agabus. 有一个先知名叫亚迦布。
- 41. He comes in a dramatic way and warns the Apostle Paul of the difficulties ahead. 他以一种戏剧性的方式警告使徒保罗,那摆在他前面的难处。
- 42. Agabus takes Paul's belt and ties it around his hands and feet; 亚迦布拿保罗的腰带捆上自己的手脚;
- 43. and, then, he said, "This is exactly what's going to happen to the owner of this belt…" 然后说:"这就是将要发生在腰带主人身上的事…"
- 44. but that's not all. 但这还不是全部。

- 45. When you read verse 12 of Chapter 21, 当你读到 21 章 12 节时,
- 46. the Christians in Caesarea began to beg the Apostle Paul not to go to Jerusalem. 该撒利亚的基督徒也求保罗不要去耶路撒冷。
- 47. They were saying, "We need you here, Paul." 他们说:"我们这儿需要你,保罗。"
- 48. All his friends were telling him not to go to Jerusalem; 他所有的朋友都劝他不要去耶路撒冷;
- 49. but, because Paul placed all of his desires in neutral, 但是保罗将他自己所有的愿望都放在一边,
- 50. he was determined to do what God called him to do.

 他决定按著神的呼召去行。
- 51. Paul was not afraid. 保罗没有惧怕。
- 52. Paul would not hide. 保罗没有躲藏。
- 53. Paul would not be persuaded by all well-meaning friends.

 保罗没有被这些善意的朋友说服。
- 54. There are some people who say Paul should have listened to his friends.
 有些人说保罗应该听朋友的劝告。
- 55. They say that Paul must have been outside of the will of God when he went to Jerusalem; 他们说,保罗去耶路撒冷一定是偏离了神的旨意;
- 56. but, if you look carefully at the text, 但是如果你仔细看经文,
- 57. not one time did the Holy Spirit say to Paul, "Don't go to Jerusalem." 就知道圣灵从未告诉保罗:"不要去耶路撒冷"
- 58. If this had happened, Paul would have obeyed the Lord.
 如果圣灵这么说过,保罗一定会顺服主。
- 59. My listening friends, please listen carefully. 我亲爱的朋友,请留意。
- 60. It is okay to express your preference to the Lord, 向神来陈述你的喜好是可以的,
- 61. as long as you let God lead you. 前题是,你肯让神来带领你。

- 62. It is okay to say to God, "God, I would rather be in this place and not that place," 你也可以对神说:"主啊,我更情愿待在这里,而不去那里,"
- 63. as long as you are willing to joyfully go whichever place He chooses for you. 前题是,无论神为你选择了哪一个地方,你都愿意快快乐乐地前往。
- 64. Submitting to the lordship of Jesus Christ means making your desires be in neutral, 顺服耶稣基督的主权就意味著,你甘心把你的愿望放在一边,
- 65. and that's not easy. 这并不容易。
- 66. There are people who think 有些人会认为,
- 67. that, if you go where God has called you and, there, you face some problem, you should second-guess your obedience; 如果你去了神呼召你去的地方而面临一些难处,那么你就应该重新来考虑你对神的顺服;
- 68. but listen to me very carefully, please. 但请留意。
- 69. Just because you are at the center of the will of God does not mean that you will not face problems.
 在神的旨意中,并不意味著你不会遇到困难。
- 70. Sometimes, we get ourselves into trouble; 有时候,是我们给自己出了难题;
- 71. but, often, when we are at the center of the will of God, we will still face difficulties and trials; 更多时候,即使我们在神的旨意当中,我们仍然会遇到困难和考验;
- 72. and, of course, the enemy will come to you and will say to you, 当然,仇敌会来到你面前对你说:
- 73. "If you had disobeyed God, you would not have faced these problems..."
 "如果你没有顺服神的话,你就不会遇到这样的麻烦..."
- 74. and I can tell you that the devil will do that to you all the time; 我可以告诉你,魔鬼总是这样来迷惑你;
- 75. but, by placing your desires in neutral, 但是,如果你把你的愿望放在一边,

- 76. you will give God the opportunity to work in your life for His glory. 神就有机会来造就你的生命,使你可以荣耀 祂。
- 77. The second tool is this: 第二个方法是:
- 78. expect God to speak to you. 期待神来跟你说话。
- 79. The Lord often speaks to me through His Word. 神经常通过圣经来对我说话。
- 80. When I'm reading the Word of God, 当我读神的话语的时候,
- 81. and I'm wrestling with a problem in my life, 还有,当我在人生的困境中挣扎的时候,
- 82. the voice of the Holy Spirit often says, "Here. Here is the answer that you're looking for. 圣灵总会对我说:"就是这个,这就是你所寻找的答案。
- 83. Here is the promise that you can appropriate today. 这就是你今天要得的应许。
- 84. Here is the promise that you can apply to your situation." 这就是你可以用来面对你困境的应许。"
- 85. Occasionally, God speaks to me through godly friends; 偶尔,神也会通过敬畏神的朋友来对我说话;
- 86. but let me give you a warning. 不过,我要给你一些忠告。
- 87. Be sure that your godly friends are not speaking to you out of their own emotions. 你首先要确定,这些朋友的话不是出于他们自己的感情作用。
- 88. Be careful, lest your godly friends are speaking to you out of their self-interest. 要小心,免得这些朋友怀著自己的目的来对你说话。
- 89. In Miletus, the Ephesian elders and Paul's friends were trying to dissuade him from going to Jerusalem, 在米利都,以弗所的长老们和保罗的朋友们都劝他不要上耶路撒冷去,
- 90. because they were emotionally attached to him. 因为他们对他有很深的感情。

- 91. I'm not blaming Paul's friends for trying to dissuade him from going to Jerusalem. 我并不是责怪保罗的朋友,尝试劝阻他去耶路撒冷。
- 92. I'm not blaming them for trying to protect their friend; 我也不是责怪他们,试图保护他们的朋友;
- 93. but they were not trying to discern the will of God; 但是他们没有寻求神的旨意;
- 94. and that is why, thirdly, you must test the spirits, 这也就是为什么,第三,你要辨别诸灵,
- 95. no matter who delivers a message to you. 无论是谁向你传递的信息,你都要加以分辨。
- 96. If it is inconsistent with the Word of God, it is not from God.
 如果它与神的话语不相吻合,它就不是从神而来。
- 97. If it does not glorify God, then it is not from God.
 如果它不荣耀神,它就不是从神而来。
- 98. If it is going to lead you into sin, then it is not of God.
 如果它将把你带入罪中,它就不是神的意思。
- 99. The Bible repeatedly exhorts us to test the spirits, 圣经一再反复地劝告我们,要辨别诸灵,
- 100. because Satan's deception is so good that you can easily fall for it,
 因为撒但的诡计变化多端,你很容易就陷入他的网罗,
- 101. because Satan's desire is to trick you and deceive you.

 因为撒但定意引诱和欺骗你。
- 102. Paul tested the spirits and he followed only the voice of the Holy Spirit, 保罗在检验了诸灵以后,他只听从圣灵的声音,
- 103. not even his dear friends; 即使是他最亲密的朋友,他都没听;
- 104. so, let me summarize again. 我现在要来总结一下。

- 105. First, you must submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ by placing your desire in neutral. 首先,你应该把自己的愿望放在一边来顺服耶稣基督的带领。
- 106. Secondly, you must expect God to speak to you in some way. 其次,你应该期待神用某种方式与你说话。
- 107. Thirdly, you must test the spirits; 第三,你要辨别诸灵;
- 108. and, finally, you must always wait for God's timing. 最后,你应该等候神的时机。
- 109. Waiting does not come naturally for us. 等候并不是我们的本性。
- 110. It may come easily to some, 可能对有些人来说比较容易做到,
- 111. but some people confuse waiting for God with idleness. 但有些人会把等候神的时间,与懒散混淆了。
- 112. The word "waiting" in the Bible does not mean "doing nothing."
 在圣经中"等候"一词,不是指"什么都不做。"
- 113. Waiting for the Lord comes from the term of a waiter in a restaurant. 等候神一词,来自餐饮业里服务员的用语。
- 114. A waiter has his towel around his hand, 服务员把一条餐巾搭在他的手上,
- 115. and what is he doing all the time? 在整个过程中,他在做什么呢?
- 116. He's watching you. 他留心观察。
- 117. He's waiting for you. 他在等候你。
- 118. He is preparing to act when you call upon him; 他准备随时听从你的召唤;
- 119. but he is active and focused while he is waiting. 但他等候时,他是积极的,专注的。
- 120. That's what waiting upon the Lord Jesus means. 这就是等候主耶稣所包含的意思。
- 121. It means that you are always serving the Lord, 它意味著,你要一直服侍主,
- 122. that you are always ministering to the Lord, 它也意味著,你要臣服于主,

- 123. that you are always watching for the Lord's direction, 它意味著,你要留心神所指示的方向,
- 124. that you are ready for His command any moment, 你要随时准备好执行祂的命令,
- 125. but you are working and you are busy. 其实,你是整天忙碌地工作著。
- 126. You are serving and you are paying attention. 你是全神贯注地服侍著。
- 127. You are attentive to the voice of the Lord. 你在留心听神的声音。
- 128. You are not sitting down and doing nothing. 你没有无所事事。
- 129. Listen carefully to what I'm going to tell you, my listening friend. 我亲爱的朋友,请留意。
- 130. Do you know that not a single person in the Old Testament, whom God called to serve, was idle? 你知道吗?在旧约圣经中,没有一个神所呼召的人是无所事事的。
- 131. They were all doing something and the voice of God came to them and said, "Go and proclaim the Word of God."
 他们都是在一边做事的时候,神的声音就临到他们说:"去传扬神的话语。"
- 132. When you are waiting at the Lord's table, 当你在主的桌前等著要服侍祂,
- 133. you will be sure that He will let you know His will in His time.
 你必定会得到主的指引,告诉你,主的旨意,主的时间。
- 134. He will tell you what He wants you to do. 祂会告诉你, 祂想让你做什么。
- 136. He will tell you when He wants you to move. 祂会告诉你,什么时间祂让你采取行动。
- 138. He will tell you how to respond. 祂会告诉你如何应对。
- 139. Paul knew that he was obeying the will of God. 保罗知道他是在遵循神的旨意。
- 140. He knew there were some difficulties ahead, 他知道前面会有一些困难,

- 141. but these were incidental. 但这是难免的。
- 142. Why? 为什么呢?
- 143. Because he knew, if he is going to be at the very center of the will of God, 因为他知道,如果他是在神的旨意当中,
- 144. God will be with him, and that's enough. 神会与他同行,这就足够了。
- 145. When Paul got to Jerusalem, he was bringing an offering from all the Gentile churches; 当保罗到耶路撒冷的时候,他带著一笔外邦人教会的奉献;
- 146. and he places it, there, in the church of Jerusalem; 并且,他把奉献交给了耶路撒冷的教会;
- 147. but do you know the first thing they said to him? 但你知道他们对保罗说什么吗?
- 148. They did not say, "Thank you." 他们没有说:"谢谢你"
- 149. The first thing Paul got was criticism. 保罗首先得到的是批评。
- 150. Now, remember, Paul did not want to offend anybody; 请记住,保罗并不想冒犯任何人;
- 151. so he went ahead, recognizing that the issues they were criticizing were not important in his Christian ministry.
 他没有理会这些,因为他知道这些批评相对于他的宣教事工而言并不重要,
- 152. They were not necessary for salvation; 从救恩的角度来看,他们的批评无关紧要;
- 153. so he went along. 因此他没有计较。
- 154. Because Paul had learned to wait upon the Lord, 因为保罗已经学会了要等候主,
- 155. because Paul had learned to discern the will of God,
 因为保罗已经学会了分辨神的旨意,
- 156. he did not allow their criticism to hinder him. 他没有让他们的批评妨碍自己。
- 157. My listening friend, let me give you this advice as we close this program. 我亲爱的朋友,在节目结束时我想给你一些 建议。

- 158. When you are waiting upon the Lord, 当你等候神的时候,
- 159. you will learn to choose your battles. 你将学会如何选择你的战场。
- 160. When you are waiting upon the Lord, 当你等候神的时候,
- 161. you will discern what is necessary for salvation and what is not. 你将学会分辨什么对救恩是重要的,而什么不是。
- 162. When you are in the perfect will of God, 当你处在神完美旨意中的时候,
- 163. there may be storms brewing all around you, 在你周围也许会起风暴,
- 164. but you'll be at peace, 但你却有平安,
- 165. because you are in perfect harmony with your Maker; 因为你与你的创造主是完全和谐的;
- 166. and, when you are waiting upon the Lord, 当你等候神的时候,
- 168. Because you have placed your desires in neutral, 因为你已将自己的愿望放在一边,
- 169. because you are determined to listen to His voice,
 因为你定意要听神的话语,
- 170. because you have tested the spirits, 因为你已经分辨了诸灵,
- 171. and because you are waiting for His timing, 因为你在等候神的时间,
- 172. you will have the joy of the Lord. 你会得到从神而来的喜乐。
- 173. Until next time, I wish you God's richest blessing. 愿神大大地赐福给你,下次再会。