



## "Roger, Wilco!"

*"Listen as Wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice! On the hilltop along the road, she takes her stand at the crossroads."*

*King Solomon | Proverbs 8:1-2 (NLT)*

"Now hear this! Now hear this!" one kid would cry as he barked orders into his make-believe walkie talkie... "Roger, Wilco!" would crackle back over the airwaves. Imagining ourselves in a great sea battle, our toy ships were encountering the enemy. We had to be ready to execute... this was a time to make good decisions. The fate of our ships depended on it.

Who knew what "Wilco" meant back then? It just sounded cool... and official. Wilco conveyed that we were involved with something important. Only later did we learn it means "Will Comply!"

Imagine the effectiveness of a navy that failed to comply. As kids pretending, this never happened. Who would imagine a failure? Of course, all depended on the commander... the one issuing the orders. Seem funny how the good navy always won? Well, considering that the commander controlled the outcome, not so much!

We have such a Commander... praise the Lord! The outcome of the battle we're part of has already been determined. Yet, the fight rages on... "Now hear this! Now hear this!" His Wisdom calls out to us as we stand atop life's hills and at its crossroads. He awaits our "Roger, Wilco!"

Now is a time to make good decisions...

*Reflect: **How have my decisions been panning out?***

One truth (and perhaps the most important!) I learned over the course of my career as a financial advisor is captured by this "bad news – good news" quote:

*"You are where you are because of the decisions you've made up to this point. But you will be where you are in the future based on the decisions you make from this day forward."*

Many, many, many have a history of making ill-advised decisions. I found an objective look at people's financial picture often opened a

spigot spewing stories of how “life happened” ... how one poor decision led to another and another and another. My work became all about helping people make better decisions...

**Consider: The decisions I’m making now will determine my future... I won’t make them alone.**

If humans were made to make good decisions on their own, why would God have written so much scripture about seeking counsel? Proverbs is overflowing...

*“Plans succeed through good counsel; don’t go to war without wise advice.” King Solomon (Proverbs 20:18)*

... and the Lord emphasizes “wise” advice throughout.

*“But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers.” (2 Chronicles 10:8)*

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**These are two fundamental decisions each of us must make:**

- ① Will I seek advice?**
- ② Who will be my advisors?**

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It didn’t go well for Rehoboam... he paid the price for choosing poorly.

He wisely chose to seek advice but he chose his advisors poorly. He proved that one must answer both questions rightly.

What are your answers to these questions?

*Imagine: I'm seeking wise counsel for all my life situations.*

"Now hear this! Now hear this!" Wisdom cries out... from the hilltops and at the crossroads. You'll find yourself in these places at different times of your life. When on the hilltops and life rides high, a voice whispers, "I'm here because of me... I'm good!" Before you realize it you're dismissing advice and become ineffective for the Kingdom.

Contrary, when at the crossroads we struggle... which way to go? Pressed to decide, we're prone to make hasty, emotional decisions... or we wallow (itself a decision.) Once again, we're prone to dismiss advice. Have you realized that getting us to act alone is a primary strategy of our enemy to neutralize us?

When on Mission, you'll find yourself on hilltops and other times at crossroads... it's an inevitable cycle. Is there ever a point when advice is unnecessary? Your Commander has already answered, crying out, "seek wise counsel, always!" Now he awaits your...

**"Roger, Wilco!"**

Go off the grid and ask these questions:

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## Coach's Questions

- What significant decisions stand before me right now?
- Will I seek wise counsel?
- Who will be my counselors (shoot for 2)? *(Wise counselors are mature, Kingdom minded Followers who will lead you into a deeper relationship with the Lord.)*

## Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

**Seek Wise Counsel, always.**

*"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice."*

*King Solomon | Proverbs 12:15 (ESV)*

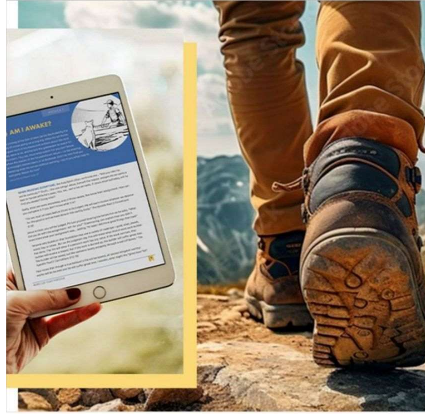


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