

in most cases our feelings are the result of our general physical situation, or of prejudices we have inherited from previous contacts with similar situations. There are people who have very remarkable intuition. They get sort of a feeling which may be right. In my case most such feelings turn out to be wrong. I recommend not to pay too much attention to our feelings. I have often had a first feeling about somebody that I did not like them and then found out they were very very fine. I've had a feeling that someone was very fine and they have turned out to be a scoundrel, I don't believe most of us can go by feelings. God never said He will lead us by our feelings.

Now many Christians use a fourth method. They look to circumstances, for guidance. They say God opened a door and I step in it. God closes a door therefore that is not the way I am to go. I heard a leader in a mission board say once that if you are definitely called of the Lord to go to the mission field, ~~that=the=board~~ and the Board won't take you, bore a hold through the Board. I think there is a lot to that. Circumstances are not the way to determine in most cases what we are to do. They enter into our consideration, but they are not the way/^{that}we are/to determine. Mat. 14:24 tells us how God == how Jesus told the disciples to cross over the Sea of Galilee. They started out when the winds were contrary to them; and they found it very difficult. Jesus told them that was God's will. If we know what God's will is we should push ahead and accomplish it. I was much impressed years ago with hearing the founder of a great mission give an address in which he said that when the mission was first founded he was afraid of his life of turning down someone that God had called to the field. But he said he found in case after case where they turned someone down that the man landed there eventually anyway. If God calls a man to a certain work, # God will make it possible for him to do it. He ~~will~~ may want him to force his way through difficulties, to overcome obstacles. Obstacles may be there for us to learn to overcome.