

# DAY FIVE

## MAP MAKING: SUBMIT (LOOKING UP)

Submit this plan to prayer and seek how the Lord is asking you to respond. Then GO!

Now that you have your MAP in hand, it's time for the most crucial piece of it all:

SUBMIT: PRAY AND GO!

We submit our MAP to prayer in light of Proverbs 19:21 (NIV), “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” We should never start any ministry, project, or idea that we hope to complete “in His name” without devoting substantial time to prayer and to His will. The Lord may show you ways you need to adjust or modify your MAP, or he may ask you to start over and try again.

As you pray and seek God’s will, you might wonder “how do I know for sure this is where and how God is leading me to GO?”

You may have heard this analogy before shared by Bible Teacher Bob Mumford, “A certain harbor in Italy can be reached only by sailing up a narrow channel between dangerous rocks and shoals. Over the years, many ships have been wrecked, and navigation is hazardous. To guide the ships safely into port, three lights have been mounted on three huge poles in the harbor. When the three lights are perfectly lined up and seen as one, the ship can safely proceed up the narrow channel. If the pilot sees two or three lights, he knows he’s off course and in danger.”

As we pick up our maps and prepare to “be on mission” with God as part of the 1% Life, let us consider three “beacons” to help guide us towards next steps, as we seek His will and His purposes. The same rules of navigation apply—these three “beacons” should be aligned before it is wise for us to proceed forward with our maps. If one or more of these “beacons” doesn’t align, then re-evaluation is needed.

1. The Word of God (what does the Word say about this idea? Does it contradict or align to scripture?)
2. The Holy Spirit (what does the Holy Spirit say to you about this idea? Are you feeling any hesitancy or lack of peace?)
3. Wisdom of Others (what do those I trust the most say about this idea? Can others see “red flags” or bring wisdom in ways that I might be missing? Have I talked to my Pastor, my small group leader, a ministry director, etc., about how God might be leading me?)

## **PRAYER**

“Lord, thank you for opening my eyes to see needs around me and around the globe. Thank you for giving me the gifts and skill sets that you have to be on mission with you. Please help me to use these for your glory. Help me to practice being on mission every day and in every interaction with your image bearers. Will you give me the dedication to see these action plans through? Place people in my life that will hold me accountable and encourage me to follow through with the ideas you have given me. Amen.”

## **ACTS 13:1-5**

Grab your Bible and open to today's reading. Use the PRAY and HEAR tools as you spend time in the Word.

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Take a moment and use the PRAY tool to respond in prayer.