

V. Implication: Motivated by Meaning

God's sovereignty gives our decisions meaning in two ways:

1. Meaning in what we do
 2. Meaning in how we do it
- **God gives meaning to the mundane (Matt. 10:29-31)**

 - **God gives meaning to our relationships (Acts 17:26-27)**

 - **God gives meaning to our work (Eph. 6:5-7)**

VI. Implication: Restful Decision-Making

Questions?

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Core Seminars—Guidance Class 2: God's Sovereignty



If God were not sovereign, how would that change the way that Christians make decisions?

I. God is Sovereign

God's sovereignty is the biblical teaching that all things are under God's rule and control, and that nothing happens without His direction or permission. God works not just some things but all things according to the counsel of His own will.

A. Over our circumstances (Gen. 50:20)

B. Over our past and our future (Isa. 46:10)

C. Over our decisions (Ps. 33:10-11)

D. Over our hearts (Prov. 21:1)

II. God's Goal of Glorifying Himself

God's sovereign superintendence of all of creation has as its end that He show off His glory to the world. Everything He does is aimed at bringing himself glory.

He made us to glorify him (Isaiah 43:7)

History is aimed at God's glory (Habbakuk 2:14)

Examples through Scripture

- The Exodus (Exodus 9:16)
- Return from Exile (Ezekiel 36:22)
- The coming of Jesus (John 1:14)
- Our Salvation

"In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works out all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory." – Eph. 1:11

- The Second Coming of Christ (2 Thes. 1:10)

III. Man's Responsibility

Scripture teaches that God ordains all things that come to pass (Ephesians 1:11), and yet man is accountable for his actions (Ez. 18:20).

IV. Implication: Motivated by Faithfulness

Results vs. faithfulness