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## introduction

When I was a senior in high school, I had so many things racing through my head, it seemed almost always. "Where should I go to school?" "What should I major in?" "Should I join a fraternity?" "Should I go where my girlfriend goes? What happens if we get separated?"

"What's God's will for my life as far as a career?" "Should I even go to college?" "What kind of ministry do I want to have while I'm there?"

For many, these types of questions can be totally overwhelming. The future is right there and ready for the taking, but for some, this seems to be a difficult and multi-faceted process that can leave you exhausted.

While we cannot remove the decisions and the possibilities from your plate, we can take a step back and look at some things from a biblical perspective. What does the Bible say about God's will? How will you handle a professor or friend who contradicts the Gospel openly? You may have gotten the feeling that we as the staff and cell leaders think dating is the worst idea in human history, yet most of us are married, so how in the world do you get from junior high and high school relationships (anyone want to go back there?) to finding a spouse? How do you actually court someone in a godly way?

We will walk through some of these questions and ideas in this series. Bear in mind, your life is about to change either way. Whether you go to college or not, there are some things that we all need to prepare us for life outside of high school. You will have the potential to be and do anything you want in the next four years. For some, this will lead you to a life of sin and selfishness that you probably would be appalled to see if you could look into the future right now. For some, you will leave a legacy of disciples in your next four to five years. For some, you are about to become the next CEO of Walmart or Apple or a doctor, imagine the impact you could have for the Gospel that way. But you will have to work really hard to get there and the next four years will be spent in study and class just striving for the payoff of potential Gospel impact later. Many of you will be married in four to five years. Some may even have kids. Imagine the Gospel impact you would have with people around you as you raise godly children in a godly marriage.

Either way, things are about to change. We, as the Fellowship staff and your cell leaders are here to help guide you through it. This curriculum is the start, but there's some more and don't be afraid to bounce any question off us. Chances are, we asked the same thing or know someone who did. So, let's dive in and get ready for the change.