
BELL



> *Isaiah 30:21* <

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Bells create different emotions in most teenagers, right? It's crazy how the exact same bell can mean you're late for class, going to gym, starting a period with your worst teacher (or your best), and even releases you to go on Summer break! When we're in school, bells mark transitions in our lives. They mark the time during the day when we're supposed to move from one part of our day to the next. And yet, there are times in our lives where bells would be really helpful in letting us know that it's time to move from one thing to the next.

Wouldn't be nice if a bell went off every time we needed to stop hanging out with a friend who is making bad choices? Wouldn't it be great if a bell started ringing when we visited the college that is right for us, or when it was time to break up with that boy-friend or girlfriend? As you get older it would be even more helpful, like when to ask someone to marry you, take a new job, move, buy a new car, and even when to start having kids. The tough part is that there are not audible bells that go off to mark transitions.

We have to depend on some less concrete markers like our heads, our hearts, prayers, Scripture and the advice of trusted friends and adults. Listen closely to these bells in your life and together they will help you know when it's time for a change.

Go and Do

It's important to always be in a mode where we're listening for God and making good decisions (this is called discernment) about our lives. One way to make decisions is to take a sheet of paper, turn it sideways, and make five columns marked Head, Heart, Prayers, Scripture, and Friends/Mentors. Then take the de-cision you have to make and write what each one of those is telling you.
