

Follow the Arrow

Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,
“This is the way, walk in it,”
Whenever you turn to the right hand
or whenever you turn to the left.”

ISAIAH 30:21 NKJV

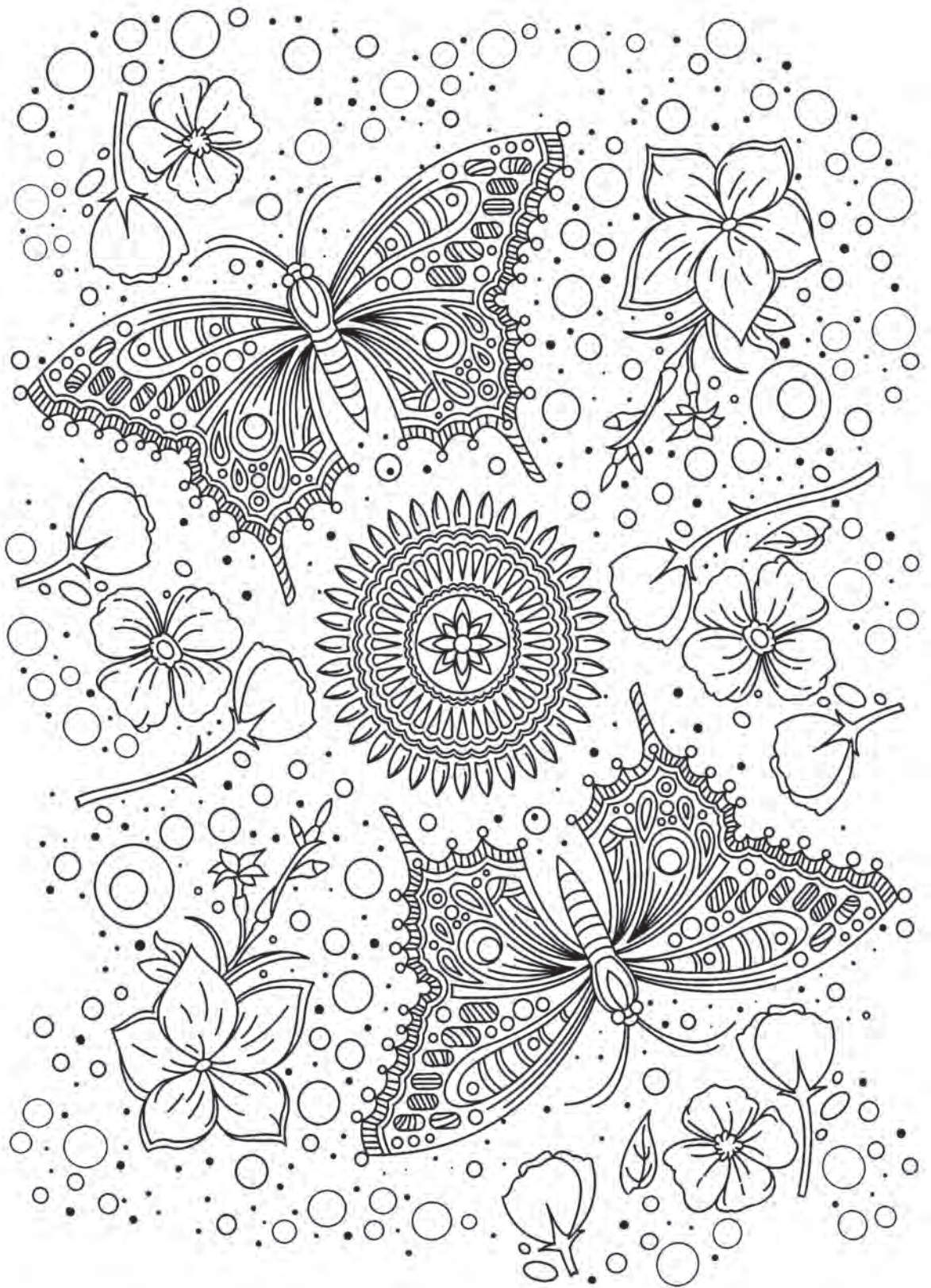
Decisions, decisions. It seems a week never goes by without our needing to make at least one important choice.

Whether job related, relationship motivated, or something as seemingly innocent as how to spend a free Friday, wouldn't it be nice to have an arrow pointing us in the right direction—especially if we are in danger of making a wrong turn?

According to the Word, we have exactly that. When we truly desire to walk the path God sets us on, and when we earnestly seek his voice, he promises to lead us in the right direction. His ever-present Spirit is right there, ready to put us back on the path each time we wander off.

Consider the decisions before you right now. Who are you turning to for guidance? Lay your options before God, and then listen for his voice.

God, there are so many decisions that I make each day. Some don't seem to matter, and others could be life changing. Help me to come to you first for guidance in all areas of my life. You care about each detail, and you can show me which way to turn.



You Are Perfect

By a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

HEBREWS 10:14 ESV

You are perfect. Stop, go back, and read that again. *You are perfect.* Looking in the mirror, or thinking back over your day, it is easy to forget or disbelieve those words. Don't let that happen.

A wrinkle here, a bulge there, an unkind word, or a jealous thought cannot change the way the Father sees you. And it's how he wants you to see yourself.

The dictionary uses 258 words to explain what it means to be perfect, but we only need to know this: we are complete. When he chose to die on the cross for our sins, Jesus took away every flaw from those of us who love him and ask for his forgiveness. He finished what we never could, and he made us perfect.

Stand before a mirror and ask God to show you what he sees when he looks at you. See past the flaws, past any hurt or anger in your eyes, past any perceived imperfection. See yourself complete, just as you were meant to be. See yourself as perfect. How does this change the way you feel?

Lord, when I reflect on my imperfections, it can be overwhelming and depressing. Thank you that you see me for who I really am, and who I am meant to be. You have made me perfect through your sacrifice and I choose to walk in that today.

