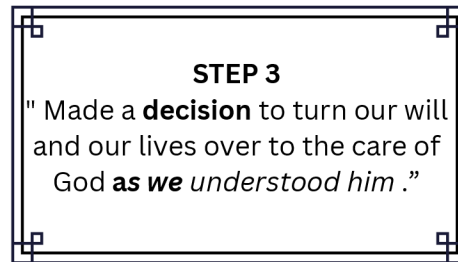




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STEP 3

" Made a **decision** to turn our will
and our lives over to the care of
God **as we** understood him ."

In your sharing you describe your personal experiences of meeting life challenges with the help of a Power greater than yourself. You describe how you have changed and the benefits that are yours now. You tell me of the benefits of working the steps and your release from the tyranny of your active drinking.

As I look back now I can see that this process of seeking help began a long time before I actively sought the help of any Higher Power in words.. It began with my first steps into the rooms of recovery. It began with tiny willingness to listen to others and my willingness to keep coming back.

Although I didn't know it at the time I came into the program with a mind full of thoughts that would lead me back to drinking. These thought patterns carried extreme potential for me picking up again. I didn't come into the Program seeking to change anything but my drinking.

I remember the first discussion meeting, the topic was **change**. I thought that you were all crazy. I didn't need to change anything but my drinking. Little did I realize that change needed to be the basis of my recovery. I was self-absorbed and I didn't even realize it.

Although I don't recall asking for my Higher Power's help regarding my self-centeredness I believe I received that help as I attended meetings. You carried a message to me that enabled me to keep coming back until I was able to see myself a bit more clearly. You gave me direction directly one to one after the meeting or in your comments and of course, sponsorship. I didn't realize at the time that this was help from my Higher Power. I didn't realize that I would need this kind of help from you throughout my sobriety.

This was such a process for me, little tiny steps. The only faith I had was in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Desperation and fear kept me motivated to keep coming back. The faith required for the third step that there was a spiritual force that would direct me came much later. The sharing of your experiences that you faced with strength from your Higher Power gave me hope that I too could connect with a Higher Power. A Higher Power could support and direct me.

This support and direction was happening all along although I didn't recognize this reality. It was happening through your words, your presence at meetings, your encouragement and acceptance of me. Your comments touched my spirit. My spirituality began to awaken in the rooms of AA.

It still happens today. I can't sit home and listen to myself hoping to receive direction from no one but myself. I need your presence, acceptance and support.

Thanks for being part of my process that has led me to making the decision to turn my will and my life over to the care of my Higher Power. Thanks for being at my meetings and carrying the message. I am still listening, please keep coming back. - Mary C



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SAVE the DATES!

As Bill Sees It :

We are now on a different basis: the basis of **trusting** and **relying** upon God. We trust infinite God rather than our finite selves. Just to the extent that we do as we think. He would have us do, and humbly rely on Him, does He enable us to accept **calamity** with **serenity**.

W, Bill. As Bill Sees It. New York: Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, 1967, p. 265

For further information about our district please check us out!

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-meetings

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-new members

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Have you heard ?

☐ "Does it need to be said? Does it need to be said by me? Does it need to be said right now?"

☐ "Secrets keep you sick."

☐ "If you do what you've always done- you'll get what you've always gotten."

☐ "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less."

☐ "If you don't do a 4th you'll drink a 5th."

Alcoholics Anonymous Helpful information!

District 43 Answering Services

Serving Bolingbrook, Naperville, Lisle, and Woodridge.

*District 40: (630) 653-6556

*District 41: (630) 833-7987

*District 42: (630) 387-9942

*District 43: (630) 355-2622

We are looking for submissions for future Groupvine articles. If you are, or know someone who does; please contact us at: groupvineeditor.com



March 1
NIA 20 2025
Spring Assembly
8-3 p.m

First Covenant Church
316 Wood Road
Rockford, IL
*Please see flyer
for more info
and zoom link.

March 8, 2025
1-3 p.m

GSR School:

What G.S.R' s do.

Why it matters.

How to Succeed.

St. Andrews Church
1125 Franklin Street
Downers Grove, IL

March 19th
District 43 Monthly
Business meeting
7-8 p.m

(Third Wednesday of
each month)

ZOOM MEETING ID:
96566590236
P.W: 932879

**All are welcome
to attend!**

The Chapter 2 Crew
New Meeting
8-9 p.m

Every Tuesday
Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
350 E Madison St.
Lombard, IL

"The walk" Step Meeting:
Held every Sunday
through Sunday, April 13th

Naperville Riverfront
(meet at the Gazebo)
Located at the corner
Mill and Jackson Street

For further information
see flyer/calendar events
on the D43 website.

"Diligence is the
mother of good luck."
-Benjamin Franklin



It's **NOT** about
luck!



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