

The Will of God

“The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in Him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner that He walked.” --I John 1:4-5

TO KNOW GOD’S WILL IS TO KNOW GOD’S HEART.

We are always looking for the easy answer. “I’ll just Google God’s will for me today” is much of our modern day thought on discerning what God has designed for our lives on any given day. Instant questions with instant answers. But our walk with God is not designed that way. It is a long and winding journey, a marathon--not a sprint. Phrases such as trusting by faith, abiding in His love, and walking with Him is the language of the Bible. It takes time to know Him. It takes a commitment on our part. It takes an act of our wills to seek Him out. *Are you setting aside quality time each day to build a relationship with Him?*

The best place to start is by opening up our bibles (or our bible apps) and soaking in His truths. God promises that His word is alive and active and sharper than any two-edged sword and that by it our minds will be transformed “so that you will prove what the will of God is” (Romans 12:2). God is speaking to us through His Word and through our relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Word made flesh. In its pages we discover commands that are always in His will. We will never be out of His will when we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and when we therefore love our neighbor as ourselves. *How is your life demonstrating the love of God and the love towards others?*

As you abide in Him and study His word, He will reveal such wonderful and beautiful truths about Himself. We will discover that He is Lord of all and worthy of our love and our worship. We will come to realize that He is faithful, merciful, kind, and compassionate. We will also discover that God is a God of justice and truth and that He is holy. We will begin to experience how much He loves us and that He created us for a purpose in His kingdom. *When was the last time you experienced something new and wondrous about the Ancient of Days through your own personal study or study with others?*

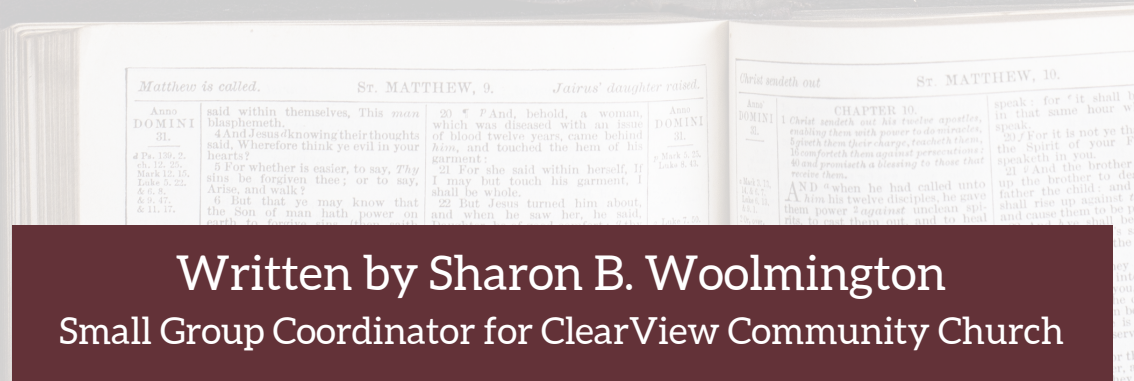
As His word becomes a part of our daily lives, we will begin to hear the Shepherd speak to us through His word, prayer, worship, and through other believers who are on the same path of life. We will come to hear His voice through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We can trust Him and follow Him wherever He leads us, because we will have learned to trust Him by faith. "Your ears will hear a word behind you, 'This is the way, walk in it,' whenever you turn to the right or to the left." (Isaiah 30:31). The word He speaks into our hearts will never be contrary to His written Word, because God will only speak truth and light to us. *When was the last time you knew the Lord was directing your steps in a specific direction?*

To do His will is not always easy. Jonah ran in the opposite direction straight into the belly of a whale. Moses argued with God that he was not equipped to stand before Pharaoh and speak. Jesus asked that this cup be taken from Him. Submission of our wills can be costly. However, we are called to follow wherever He leads, to pick up our cross daily, to ask that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven, and to be obedient. *Are you asking God to align Himself to your will or conforming your will to His?*

Without obedience, salvation would not have come to the people of Nineveh after Jonah dried off and preached, the Red Sea would not have parted for the Israelites to walk through under Moses's leadership, and Jesus would not have died on the cross to bring us eternal life and a close and personal relationship with God. We do not deserve the sacrifice of His Son on the cross to have relationship with Him, but He deserves every ounce of our sacrifice to Him because He first loved us. *When was the last time you submitted your will to God's and saw the beautiful results of walking by faith, trusting Him more and deepening your relationship with Him?*

Open up the word of God and discover its wonderful truths today, discern His will through it pages, and then walk it out with Him, step by step, day by day.

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