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SESSION GOALS	
The point of every session is a main idea with the goal of what we want to walk away from the discussion with—knowing, feeling, and doing.	
Main Idea: The key to confidence in daily decision making is resting in God's sovereign will and submitting to God's	
revealed will in Scripture. Head Change: Understand the workings of God's sovereign will and God's revealed will.	
Heart Change: Rest our hearts knowing who is in control of everything.	
Life Change: Build a framework to understand what's happening in my life that will assist me in	
decision making.	
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OPEN

What are some areas in your life where you have asked God what he wants you to do in a particular situation? How have you wrestled with that particular question?	
"What is God's will for my life?" is one of the most asked questions for every follower of Christ.	
Being finite humans, we long to know the future of our lives. Since trying to know what God wants us to do is directly related to our decision-making, many followers of Christ have a genuine desire to honor God by making the right decisions in their life. Some have the fear of the repercussions of making a "wrong" decision that could maybe make life bite them back. And there could be some who face paralysis during decision-making and knowing God's will, will make life easier!	
Whichever way this question is asked, theologically, philosophically, or practically, it calls for our attention as we experience the tension between knowing and not knowing the next steps. In this 3-part series, Pastor Ranjit David walks us through a journey of discovering God's will for our life.	
As you watch the video, note down how Ranjit answers these questions.	
According to Ranjit, what is God's sovereign will?	
How is God's revealed will different from God's sovereign will?	
How does God's revealed will give clarity and confidence in my decision-making?	
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REVIEW

What are some methods that have commonly been	
adopted to know God's will?	
Ranjit mentions, "Nothing happens without His knowledge and approval. Nothing surprises God. He is in total and	
absolute control over everything that happens because He wills it to happen. Past, present, and future. And no	
one can thwart His plans." What is your response to this statement? If you believe this statement to be true, how do you feel about it?	
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Among the 8 points that Ranjit makes under God's revealed will, which point resonates with you the most?	
1 Peter 3:17(NIV) says "For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil." How do you	
think suffering fits into "God's will"?	
Has there been a season in your life which brought suffering to you? In light of this scripture, how do you	
reflect on this experience?	
Ranjit makes an important statement when he says, "nothing can thwart God's purposes for my life, even my	
own foolishness and lack of wisdom. What God sets out to accomplish in my life WILL come to pass." What is your	
response to this statement? Can you elaborate on how you feel about this?	
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BIBLE EXPLORATION

Read Genesis 37:26–28, 39:13–20, 40:6–41:1, 41:37–43,	
45:4–8.	
In the above passages, we read the different experiences that dotted Joseph's life. Much of it is unpleasant. How do	
you think, young Joseph, understands the will of God—especially when he was sold as a slave, falsely accused, and forgotten in jail?	
How does Joseph explain the will of God when he reveals	
himself to his brothers in Genesis 45? What is something that we can learn from the posture of Joseph?	
Read Psalm 119: 9,11, 105, 130.	
According to the Psalmist, how do we know the right path to walk on?	
Just as Ranjit mentioned, how does the discipline of	
studying scripture help in knowing God's will in our day-	
to-day life? What are some practical ways we inculcate this discipline in our lives?	
LAST WORD	
Generally, the topic of knowing God's will in 'my' life can be a very stressful experience. But through today's	
session, we understand that we have a loving Father who	
has a sovereign will (something that needn't burden us) and a revealed will through His Scriptures which helps us	
in every step we take. He orchestrates moments and experiences in our life that will make us depend on and	
trust in Him more! A great relief for us is that we need not	
control the multiple variables in our life, instead, we can choose to obey Him as He reveals Himself more and	
more to me. There is great joy in knowing that He holds our tomorrow.	
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LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity below to complete before watching the next session.

Reflect: Reflect on some key life moments where you had to make key decisions. How did you respond to them? If you had to take the same decisions today, would there be anything different in the way you took those decisions?

Read: If you do not have a habit of meditating on the Scriptures daily, choose a Bible reading plan and start now.

Talk: Talk with your pastor, teacher, or faithful friend about how they found out God's will in their life.