

# **BIBLE STUDY GUIDE: “THY WILL BE DONE”**

*(Luke 22:42 – Surrender in Gethsemane)*

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## **BIG IDEA**

True faith is revealed in surrender—choosing God’s will over our own, even when it’s difficult, uncertain, or painful.

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## **THEME**

**Surrendering Control and Trusting God’s Will**

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**CONTEXT (Historical + Biblical Setting)**







- Found in **Luke 22:42**, during Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.
  - Occurs just before:
    - His arrest
    - His trial
    - His crucifixion
  - Jesus faces:
    - Emotional anguish
    - Physical suffering ahead
    - Spiritual weight of the cross
  - This moment reveals:
    - His humanity
    - His obedience
    - His complete surrender to the Father
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## **MAIN POINT 1: SURRENDER IS A DAILY DECISION**

### **Key Scripture**

- Luke 22:42 – *“Not my will, but yours be done.”*
- Luke 9:23 – *“Take up your cross daily...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Jesus models a daily posture of surrender.

- Every day presents a choice:
  - My will
  - God’s will
- Surrender is not a one-time event—it’s a lifestyle.

## **Application**

- What decisions are you facing today?
- Are you choosing your will or God’s?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“Every day begins at the fork: your will or God’s will.”**

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## **MAIN POINT 2: EVEN JESUS STRUGGLED WITH THE COST**

### **Key Scripture**

- Luke 22:42 – *“Remove this cup from me...”*
- Hebrews 4:15 – *“He has been tempted in every way...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Jesus expresses:
  - Honest emotion
  - Real struggle
- Wanting relief is not sin—disobedience is.

- Faith doesn't remove struggle—it directs it toward God.

## **Application**

- Where are you struggling to accept God's will?
- Are you bringing your honest feelings to God?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“Surrender doesn't mean you don't struggle—it means you trust anyway.”**

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## **MAIN POINT 3: GOD'S WILL MAY INTERRUPT YOUR PLANS**

### **Key Scripture**

- Proverbs 16:9 – *“The Lord establishes their steps.”*
- James 4:13–15 – *“If it is the Lord's will...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- We live with:
  - Plans
  - Schedules
  - Expectations
- God's will may:
  - Interrupt your routine
  - Redirect your day

- Lead you into unexpected moments

## **Application**

- Are you open to divine interruptions?
- How do you respond when your plans change?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“God’s will often shows up where your plans fall apart.”**

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## **MAIN POINT 4: SURRENDER REQUIRES TRUST**

### **Key Scripture**

- Proverbs 3:5–6 – *“Trust in the Lord...”*
- Romans 8:28 – *“In all things God works...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Surrender is rooted in trust:
  - Trust in God’s goodness
  - Trust in God’s plan
- Even when we don’t understand:
  - God is still working

## **Application**

- What is hard for you to trust God with right now?

- What would full trust look like in that situation?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“You can’t surrender what you don’t trust God with.”**

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## **MAIN POINT 5: SURRENDER OPENS THE DOOR FOR GOD TO USE YOU**

### **Key Scripture**

- Isaiah 6:8 – *“Here am I. Send me!”*
- 2 Timothy 2:21 – *“An instrument for special purposes...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- When we say “Thy will be done”:
  - We become available
  - We become usable
- God may use you:
  - In unexpected ways
  - At unexpected times

### **Application**

- Are you available for God to use today?
- What might God be calling you to do?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“Surrender turns your life into God’s opportunity.”**

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## **MAIN POINT 6: OBEDIENCE OFTEN REQUIRES COURAGE**

### **Key Scripture**

- Joshua 1:9 – *“Be strong and courageous...”*
- Philippians 2:8 – *“He humbled himself... even death on a cross.”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Obedience can be:
  - Hard
  - Risky
  - Uncomfortable
- Jesus’ obedience led to the cross—but also to victory.

### **Application**

- What step of obedience are you avoiding?
- What fear is holding you back?

### **Sticky Quote**

**“Obedience may be hard—but it leads to life.”**

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## **MAIN POINT 7: GOD’S WILL ALWAYS LEADS TO GREATER PURPOSE**

### **Key Scripture**

- John 12:24 – *“Unless a grain of wheat falls...”*
- Romans 5:3–5 – *“Suffering produces perseverance...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- The cross looked like:
  - Defeat
  - Loss
- But it led to:
  - Salvation
  - Resurrection
- God’s will often leads through difficulty—but ends in purpose.

### **Application**

- Where do you need to trust God’s bigger picture?
- Can you see purpose in your current season?

### **Sticky Quote**

**“God’s will may be painful—but it is never pointless.”**

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## **GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What does “Thy will be done” mean in your daily life?
  2. Where do you struggle with surrender?
  3. How do you respond when God’s will disrupts your plans?
  4. What helps you trust God more deeply?
  5. Where might God be calling you to obedience?
  6. How can you become more available to God’s leading?
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## **PRACTICAL CHALLENGE**

- Start your day by praying: “*Thy will be done.*”
  - Stay alert for one moment where God redirects your day.
  - Choose obedience in one difficult situation.
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## **FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT**

Every day presents a choice:

**Your will... or God’s will.**

Choose surrender—  
because that’s where life truly begins.

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## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Father,

Teach us to surrender our will to Yours.

Give us the courage to trust You, even when it's hard.

Help us walk in obedience and faith today.

Use us for Your purpose and Your glory.

In Jesus' name, Amen.