

## Chaos, God's Will & Your Assignment

### Scripture

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

### Intro

The past year and a half has been filled with uncertainty and turmoil

- pandemic
- Political
- Racial
- Do I wear a mask or not wear a mask?

It's safe to say things have been chaotic. And as all of this chaos around us ensues have you taken a moment to reflect and assess how you are doing? Here are some questions you can ask yourself:

- How is my relationship with Jesus?
- Have I drawn closer or distant with Christ?
- In the midst uncertainty am I firmly planted in Jesus and walking in his will?
- What is God's will for my life?

And for many of us, if we are honest may say my relationship with Jesus could be better. I haven't been consistent with spending time with Him, and I don't really know what God's will is for me. I mean, I love Jesus and I know I am supposed to love others, but I don't know what my assignment is. If that's you over the next several minutes I will share how to discover God's will and identify your assignment.

When Jesus was teaching his disciples to pray he said, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

### Scripture:

“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ’ Matthew 6:9-10 NIV <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/MAT.6.9-10>

### Discover God's Will Through

1. A renewed mind

- a. 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ' Romans 12:1-2 <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/ROM.12.1-2>
  - i. God wants you to know his will through a renewed mind
  - ii. A renewed mind leads to an awareness of God's good, perfect and acceptable will
  - iii. You renew your mind by reading and meditating on God's word (i.e. S.O.A.P.)

## 2. Sacrifice

- a. God's Will is discovered through sacrifice
  - i. 'Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. ' Matthew 10:38-39 <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/MAT.10.38-39>
  - ii. 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ' Hebrews 12:1 <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/HEB.12.1>
    - You may have some things you need to throw away that is not sin but hinders God's will for your life (i.e. Social Media, TV, Food Choices, etc.)

## 3. Dependency on Jesus

- a. God's will requires us to be connected and dependent on Jesus
  - i. '“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ' John 15:5 <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/JHN.15.5>
    - There are no self-made Christians.
    - God's will is accomplished because of Jesus

To know God's will requires a renewed mind, sacrifice and a connection to Jesus. Here are several questions you can reflect on, answer and implement:

1. How will I consistently read and meditate on God's word?
2. What do I need to give up that weighs me down?
3. How will I stay dependent on Jesus and not myself?

### Assignment/Function

God's will comes with specific assignments. As a body of believers we all have the same purpose in God: love God and love people, but we each have different assignments within that purpose.

Some of you may be a barber, another an accountant, someone else a construction worker, secretary, nurse or doctor.

Scripture:

'For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ' Romans 12:4-6 <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/ROM.12.4-6>

There are 4 questions you can answer to help you discover your assignment/function in God.

4 E's (Easy, Energy, Eternal and Excellence)

1. Easy

a. What do you do that comes easy to you?

- i. "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew
- ii. There a misconception that we have to work hard to accomplish God's will
- iii. You have to work in the kingdom, but work in Jesus should be easy

2. Energy

a. What do you do that gives you energy?

- i. 'Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ' John 4:6,27,31-34 <https://my.bible.com/bible/111/JHN.4.6,27,31-34>
- ii. Operating in God's assignment gives you energy

3. Eternal

a. What do you where you lose track of time?

- i. "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians

4. Excellence

- a. What do you do with excellence?
  - i. “So Saul said to his attendants, “Find someone who plays well and bring him to me.” One of the servants answered, “I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him.” Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, “Send me your son David, who is with the sheep.”” 1 Samuel
  - ii. Other people help you determine what you do with excellence

### Conclusion

As you discover God's will and your assignment, go out into this chaotic world and produce fruit to the glory of God. The great thing about the fruit of the Spirit is that no matter the season, no matter the storm, no matter the climate the Fruit of the Spirit is always in season and the very thing this world needs is Jesus and his Church – the people of God, to know God's will, walk in their assignments and produce fruit for His glory.

### Scripture:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

<https://my.bible.com/bible/111/GAL.5.22-23>

### Gospel/Salvation

Recognize you are sinful

- 'For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ' Romans 3:23 NLT  
<https://my.bible.com/bible/116/ROM.3.23>

Repent

- “Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?”

Trust/Receive/Accept

- “But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.”

Confess

- 'If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. ' Romans 10:9-10 NLT <https://my.bible.com/bible/116/ROM.10.9-10>