

# SERMON NOTES:

Series: Mark -The Simple Gospel | Week 48: His Will Over My Will

## **Mark 14:26-42 (NLT)**

<sup>26</sup> Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

### **Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial**

<sup>27</sup> On the way, Jesus told them, "All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

<sup>28</sup> But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there."

<sup>29</sup> Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me."

<sup>31</sup> "No!" Peter declared emphatically. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the others vowed the same.

### **Jesus Prays in Gethsemane**

<sup>32</sup> They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, "Sit here while I go and pray." <sup>33</sup> He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. <sup>34</sup> He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

<sup>35</sup> He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. <sup>36</sup> "Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

<sup>37</sup> Then he returned and found the disciples asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you watch with me even one hour?" <sup>38</sup> Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

<sup>39</sup> Then Jesus left them again and prayed the same prayer as before. <sup>40</sup> When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open. And they didn't know what to say.

<sup>41</sup> When he returned to them the third time, he said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But no—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!"

## **What does it mean to follow God's will? What is required of us? What does it look like?**

*"It means entrusting our lives, our plans, and our future into His capable hands. It involves seeking His guidance, following His Word, aligning our will with His, and relying on His promises. In this act of surrender, we find true freedom and peace."* (Jeremy G. Woods, "The Blessing of Surrender")

**We must subordinate everything to the heart, mind, and purposes of God.**

**This includes:**

- 1. Our agenda and plans.**
- 2. Our ideology and ways of thinking.**

**Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

<sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is

good and pleasing and perfect.

3. Our experience.
4. Our emotions.
5. Our work.
6. Our desires.
7. Our dreams.
8. Our resources.
9. Our affections.
10. Our reservations.

*"Prayer should not be focused primarily on getting what we want, but aligning our will with God's."* Mark L. Strauss

**What are the consequences of following God's will? (both negative and positive).**

1. Choosing God's will may cause some to abandon you.

*"It is a tremendous thing about Jesus that there was nothing for which he was not prepared. The opposition, the misunderstanding, the enmity of the orthodox religious people, the betrayal by one of his own inner circle, the pain and the agony of the cross – he was prepared for them all. But perhaps what hurt him most was the failure of his friends."* William Barclay

2. Choosing God's will may lead you toward suffering. (vv. 33-36)

*"Gethsemanes are the inevitable lot of those who follow Christ."* R. Kent Hughes

3. Choosing God's will may lead you to lonely places.

4. Choosing God's will is always the right and best choice.

5. Choosing God's will will always lead us to His purposes and outcomes.

**Hebrews 5:7-9** (NLT) <sup>7</sup> While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God. <sup>8</sup> Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. <sup>9</sup> In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.

*"In the greatest display of obedience that will ever be known, Jesus took the full chalice of man's sin and God's wrath, looked, shuddering, deep into its depth, and in a steel act of his will drank it all!"* R. Kent Hughes

**Mark 10:29-30** (NLT)

<sup>29</sup> "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, <sup>30</sup> will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life."

**Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.