

ABRAHAM: Growing Strong in Faith

Finding God's Will

Genesis 24

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UNDERSTANDING THE STORY:

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5 THINGS I'VE LEARNED ABOUT GOD'S WILL

#1 God has a plan for my life..._____.

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)

#2 God's will is seldom what I would have chosen...it's always _____.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

#3 God's will always requires that I _____ Him.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." (Joshua 3:5)

#4 God's will is always a reflection of His _____ for me.
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32)

#5 God's will is something I experience one _____ at a time.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. (Hebrews 10:36)

ONE BIG TRUTH ABOUT GOD'S WILL...

And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. (1 Kings 18:21)

Legend:

#1 God has a plan for my life...and yours.

#2 God's will is seldom what I would have chosen...it's always better.

#3 God's will always requires that I trust Him.

#4 God's will is always a reflection of His love for me.

#5 God's will is something I experience one step at a time.

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