Christian Character on Display – God's Will for His Church Philippians 2:12-13

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

Outline:

- 1. Character is Revealed in Obedience (vs 12)
- 2. Requires Work on Our Part (vs 12, Psalm 40:8, John 4:34)
- 3. Requires His Help (vs 13, Psalm 40:8, Ephesians 2:10, 1 John 1:7) Closing Prayer: Ephesians 3:14-21

Questions for Small Group Discussion:

- 1. Why did God give us His Word, The Scriptures?
- 2. Describe the last time you used your Bible to solve a real-life problem.
- 3. What are 3 opportunities in conflict?
- 4. Compare & Contrast: God's Moral Will and His Sovereign Will.
- 5. Can you know God's Will? If so, how?

Book Reference for further study: "Decision Making and the Will of God, Garry Friesen"