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God's Will, God's Glory

- “What is God’s will?” #1 question.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (ESV) Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (ESV)¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

1. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT GOD’S WILL

- What is God’s will for my life?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Micah 6:6-8 (NIV) 6 With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

- This is God’s will for you: Lower the posture of your heart and bring it before God continually.

2. HIS WILL FOR HIS GLORY

- God's will is what God wants, intends and desires.
- God's purpose is the plan that God uses to achieve that will.

How much does His glory matter to you?

1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV) So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Lazarus –

- Brother of Mary and Martha
- Sick
- Jesus hears
- He stayed 2 days longer where he was
- Lazarus dies

John 11:4 (ESV) But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

3. GOD WILL SANCTIFY YOU

Sanctification - the process by which a believer is made holy, becoming more like Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (ESV) For this is the will of God, your sanctification...

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (ESV) 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. 8 Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.