

# **God, Just Tell Me—1**

## **Discovering God’s Will for Your Life**

**Knowing God’s will starts with knowing God’s heart.**

- **God’s Sovereign Will**
- **God’s Moral Will**
- **God’s Permissive Will**
- **God’s Personal Will**

**1. God’s Sovereign Will: God’s unstoppable, unchangeable plan that directs all things toward His purpose**

*Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass ...* Isaiah 46:10 NLT

*Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.* Proverbs 19:21 NIV

**2. God’s Moral Will: timeless truths revealed in His Word for how we live**

*God’s will is for you to be holy ...* 1 Thessalonians 4:3 NLT

***hagios*: set apart, different, sacred, dedicated to God**

**You can’t walk in God’s will if you’re disobeying His Word.**

**3. God’s Permissive Will: the freedom God gives us to make choices, even when they’re not perfect**

*... You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is beneficial.* 1 Corinthians 10:23 NLT

#### **4. God's Personal Will: God's unique, specific calling for you**

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 NIV*

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8 NIV*

**We overcomplicate God's will and underestimate God's goodness.**

- **We trust God's sovereign will.**
- **We obey God's moral will.**
- **We accept God's permissive will.**
- **We walk in God's personal will.**

#### **TALK IT OVER**

Read **1 Corinthians 10:23**. What are some things that help your walk with God? What things might hinder it?

Look at the four aspects of God's will. Which one is easiest for you, and which one is the most difficult? Talk about your answers together.

Share any areas of your life where you're especially seeking God's will. How will you seek His heart and His goodness in the waiting or uncertainty?