

How would you define the phrase, “the will of God”?

Psalm 139: 13-16 - You are designed for a reason.

Psalm 143:10 – Prayer is where we need to start.

Romans 12:2 – You can know God's will.

*“I'm deeply persuaded that there are many Christians living in fear, anxiety, and confusion because they don't know what the will of God is for their life. Are you one of them? ... I think many Christians make the mistake of acting on what they can never be sure of rather than relying on what they can know for sure. In other words, Christians confuse God's secret will with his revealed will.”*

(<https://www.paultripp.com/articles/posts/the-secret-will-of-god>)

### 1. God's “Hidden” Will (Ephesians 2:10)

- a. This is the part of God's will that is “hidden” from us.
- b. Nothing can stop God's sovereign plan for the world. (Isaiah 46:9-10)
- c. It includes God's overall sovereignty of the world, down to the details of our lives.
- d. Most often this is what we focus on trying to figure out.

### 2. God's Revealed Will (Romans 12:2, Joshua 1:8)

- a. God has chosen to reveal part of His will to us through His Word.
- b. The Bible shows God's will for how He plans for us to live.
- c. As we follow the part of God's will He clearly gives us, He will reveal His hidden will as He knows we are ready. (Psalm 119:105)

### **The focus of this study:**

1. Understanding that God has a plan specifically for you
2. Providing practical guidance for following God's revealed will
3. Learning how to effectively trust God to reveal His hidden will as we faithfully follow His revealed will
4. Giving guidance as we navigate the “big questions” in life in a way that honors God