

UNDERSTANDING THE WILL OF GOD

(Proverbs 3.5-6)

Central Idea: *Those who trust God, relying on His wisdom rather than their own and acknowledging Him in each part of their lives, will reap a life that is successful by God's standards.*

I. Are Believers to “Find” or “Discover” God’s Will for Their Lives?

A. “Finding” God’s Will

B. “God’s Will” – a tough term to define

1. God’s sovereign will
2. God’s moral will
3. God’s individual will

II. Does the Bible Teach that God has an Individual Will for Our Lives?

A. Proverbs 3.5-6

B. The whole of Scripture

III. How Can We Make Wise Decisions in Life?

- Where God commands, obey.
- Where there is no command, God gives us freedom and wisdom to choose.
- When we have chosen what is moral and wise, we can trust our sovereign God to work all the details together for good.

FOR INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION

Several passages are commonly used to support the teaching of an individual will of God for each believer: Gen 24; Ps 32.8; Prov 16.9; Isa 30.20-21; Rom 12.1-2; Eph 2.10; Eph 5.15-17; Eph 6.6; Col 1.9; Col 4.12.

As you read each passage, answer these questions ...

- In this passage does the individual will of God make sense? The sovereign will? The moral will?
- Is there anything in the passage or its context that would rule out one of the three aspects of God's will?
- Which aspect of God's will do you think the biblical writer had in mind?

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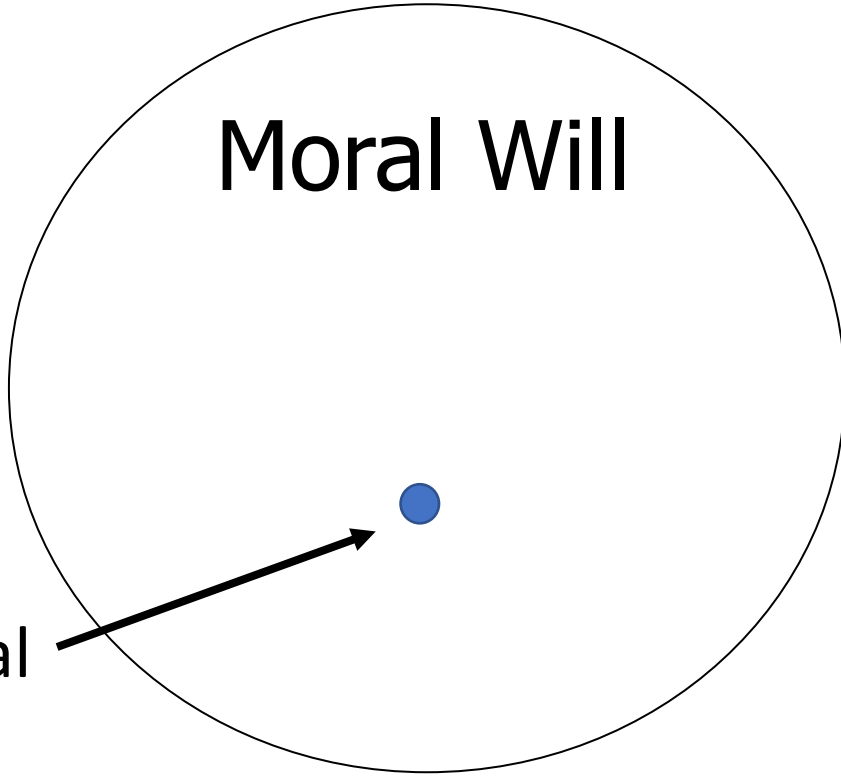
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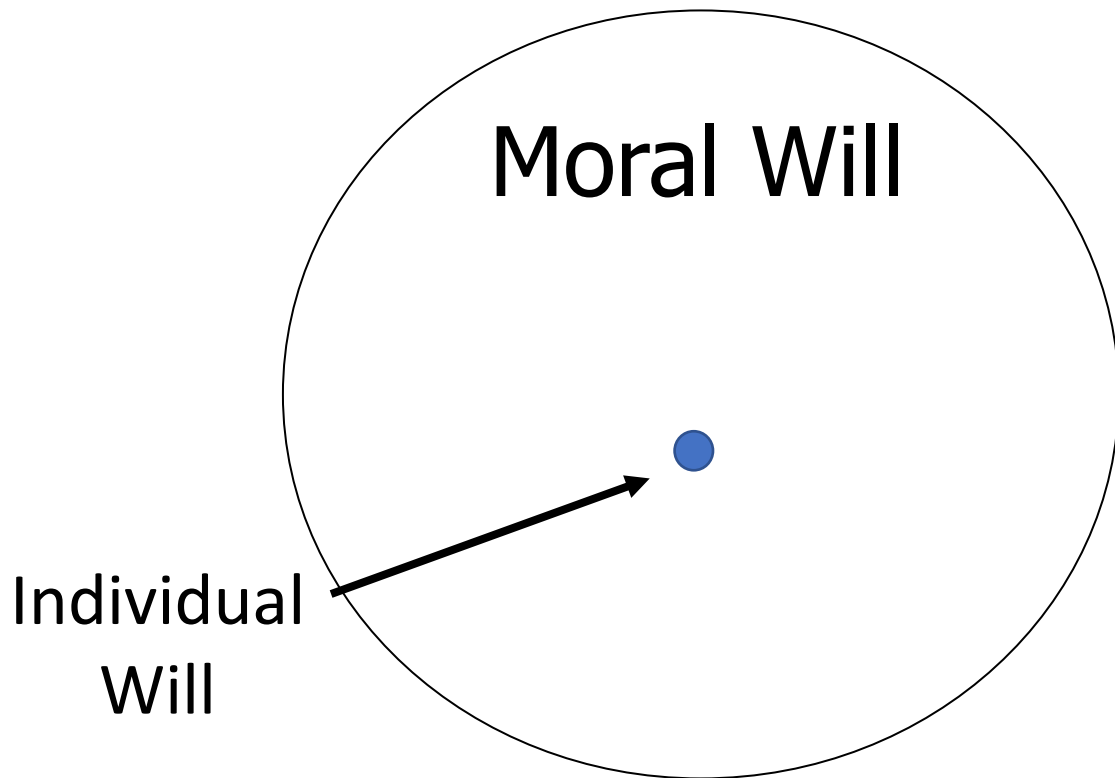
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**Traditional
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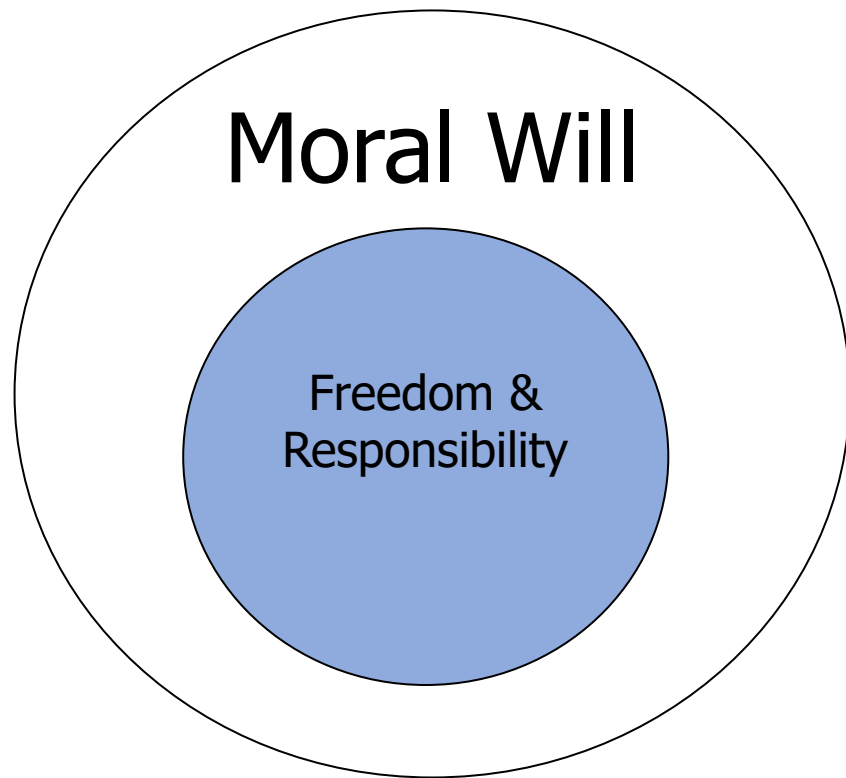


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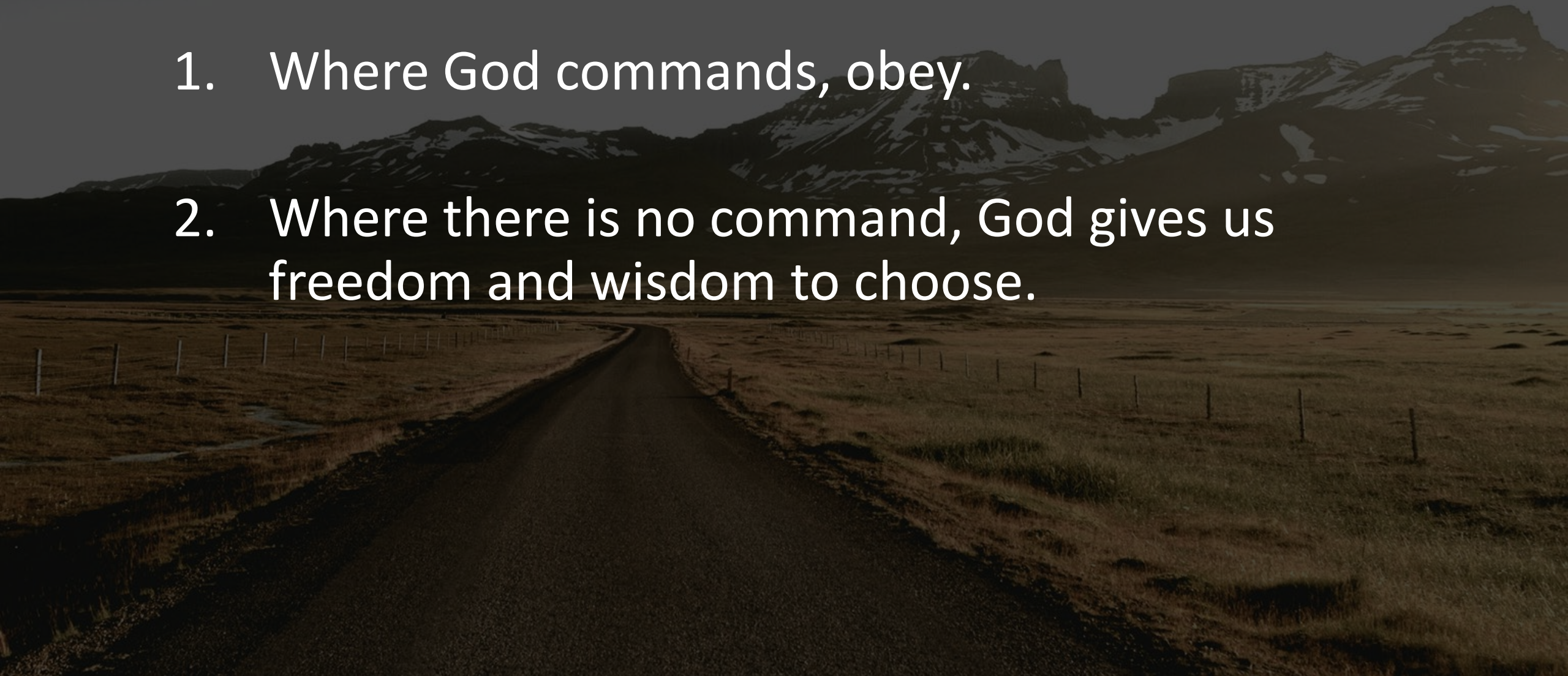
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