DEEP DIVE DISCUSSION GUIDE

Your Will Be Done/**11-1-26 Stewart Farley**

Central Idea

God's will is not merely something we seek to understand. It is something we are called to trust, surrender to, and participate in. [11-1-26 Yo...ll Be Done | PDF]

Last Week's Final Challenge

> **Don't settle for knowing what God has said. Seek to recognize what He is saying to you through what He has said. Then turn illumination into obedience.**

Discuss:

- What did God illuminate for you last week?
- Did that illumination lead to an action or change?
- What can keep us from acting on what God has made clear?

Transition

Last week was about **hearing and recognizing**. This week takes us one step further:

> **What happens when I understand what God is saying, but what He wants conflicts with what I want?**

That is where **illumination becomes surrender.**

2. YOUR KINGDOM, YOUR WILL **Read: Matthew 6:10**

1. What are we really asking when we pray,**"Your will be done"**?
2. Where are we most tempted to say,**"My will be done"**?
3. Can we genuinely desire God's Kingdom while resisting His will?

> **"We exist for Him."** How would truly believing that change the way we approach our priorities, plans, and decisions?

3. GOD'S WILL AND OUR PARTICIPATION

Discuss:

1. What does it mean to **partner with God** in His will?
2. What is the difference between asking God to bless **what I have decided** and asking where **He is leading** and joining Him?
3. What might God want to accomplish around you that requires your willingness to participate?

Personal Question **Where might God currently be asking me to adjust?**

The sermon gives us a great prayer: **"If anybody is going to adjust, I want Him to know I'm adjustable."**

4. MARTHA: WHEN GOD'S WILL DOESN'T MAKE SENSE **Read: John 11:20–22**

1. Have you ever experienced a**"Where were You, God?"** season?
2. Why is surrender difficult when God's actions don't match our expectations?
3. What can Martha teach us about being honest with God while still trusting Him?

Move the Stone

Before Martha saw what Jesus was going to do, she had to respond to what He told her to do. **Is there something God has already made clear that you keep discussing, analyzing, delaying, or praying about when what is really needed is obedience?**

5. "EVEN NOW" FAITH

Martha's**"Even now"** becomes a powerful picture of continued trust when circumstances appear hopeless.

- What makes *"even now"* such a powerful statement of faith?
- Is there an *"even now"* situation in your life?
- Can we trust God without dictating what His answer must look like?

Complete the sentence: "Even now, I will trust God with _____."

FINAL CALL TO ACTION

Illumination → Surrender → Obedience → Action

Last week we asked: **What is God saying to me through what He has said?**

This week the question becomes: **Now that I recognize what He is saying, am I willing to surrender my will and act on it?**

This Week's Challenge

> **Don't ask God to reveal more while ignoring what He has already revealed.**
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> When He illuminates something, **surrender to it.**
> When He asks you to adjust, **be adjustable.**
> When He tells you to move the stone, **move it.**
> And when you cannot see what He is doing, have the faith to say, **"Even now."**
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> **God, Your Kingdom come. Your will be done. Not just around me, but in me. Not someday, but today.**

YOUR ACTION STEP

> **What is ONE thing you already know God is asking you to do, and what will you do about it this week?**

Don't leave with another good discussion. Leave with a decision.