Living With Purpose
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A Life Aligned with God's Will

Theme: Living A Spirit-empowered life that is surrendered, free, and disciplined for God's will.

Romans 12:1–2. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Big idea: Worship isn't a song—it's a surrendered life. Alignment begins in the mind and is sustained by the Spirit.

1. GOD'S WILL STARTS WITH FULL SURRENDER, NOT PARTIAL OBEDIENCE

•God's will does not begin with negotiation. It begins with Surrender.

•God is not asking for perfection. He's asking for Presentation.

•Surrender does not mean loss—it means Alignment.

2. TRANSFORMATION HAPPENS THROUGH RENEWED THINKING, NOT BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

•The enemy doesn't need to control your body if he can influence your thinking.

•You cannot binge on culture six days a week and snack on Scripture for five minutes and expect transformation.

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY, NOT JUST THINK DIFFERENTLY

•Discipline matters—but discipline without the Spirit becomes Pressure.

•Obedience flows from Intimacy, not pressure.

Practical Action Points for Alignment

1. Rebuild the Altar Daily
2. Guard Your Mind Intentionally
3. Cultivate Intimacy, Not Just Discipline
4. Obey Promptly