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2 Pet. 2:21 (NABRE)

For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment handed down to them.

I tell you this today, It is more tragic when a person knows God's will but doesn't fulfill it than if they never knew His will to begin with.

In the Message bible it say's "A dog goes back to its own vomit"

I believe this happens more often than most people realize.

When we get to heaven and look back on our lives, I don't think many of us will say, "I trusted God too much."

But many of us will say, "I played it too safe.

I spent my time being occupied with too many things and **not doing** for what God said."

So, I think how to fulfill God's will may be the most important teaching I can give,

How to Find, Follow, and Fulfill God's Will.

It is super important that you learn how to *finish* your race properly.

Let's turn over to Hebrews 12:1. It says,

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1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us

2 while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

It says **you have to run with patience the race that is set before you, and the way you do that is by**

“looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of YOUR faith”

When I was a kid, I would mow our yard back and forth in long straight rows so you could see a pattern in the grass.

I wanted it to look really sharp, and when I was finished, it was smooth and crisp.

The way I did it was by picking an object in front of me and mowing straight for it.

If I tried to do a straight row by looking down at the grass in front of the mower, it would be crooked every single time.

This is the way you would run a race. You can't just look right in front of your feet, or you'll run all over the track.

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You'd wind up covering more distance than the other runners, and they would win because they ran straight.

If you're going to win and fulfill God's will, you have to look unto Jesus and stay focused on Him.

It says in Hebrews 12:3 Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

This is where the battle is: right between your ears!

It's not what happens out there.

Nothing external can defeat you.

I know that's a statement many people wouldn't agree with.

They think, *You don't understand.*

I've got this financial problem. I've got this relational problem. I have to give up. I don't have any choice.

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But you *always* have a choice to believe God!

Really, what defeats you is how you *THINK* about those things.

You have to control your thinking!

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That's where it starts.

Everybody wants the testimony, but nobody wants the test!

The reason you have to look unto Jesus is because it's in *your mind* that you fight.

If you've started to follow God's will but now you've come up against something that looks impossible,

it's all in the way you think that will determine whether you experience victory or whether you quit.

Are you going to be overcome

Or are you going to let them defeat and discourage you?

None of these things can destroy you unless you get weary and faint in your mind.

If you're in a bad situation and it's beating you, make sure not to faint in your mind!

It's the way you think that is causing you to be overcome by those situations.

If you would think correctly, you would overcome!

You've got to get to where you look to Jesus and consider Him more than what you see in the mirror, what you feel in your body, more than

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**what other people have to say to you—
anything!**

You have to get to where God's Word impacts you more than anybody else's word!

You have to believe **GODS WORD** more than any other words being said.

Look at *Joshua 1:8*

Do not let this book of the law depart from your lips. Recite it by day and by night, that you may carefully observe all that is written in it; then you will attain your goal; then you will succeed.

When you have observed the Word of God, when you have kept it before your eyes, when you meditate in it day and night...

then you will attain your goal; then you will succeed.

Joshua 1:9 says,

I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go.

You have to keep yourself encouraged because you will not fulfill God's will with a defeated attitude.

You're going to have to resist discouragement.

You have to overcome obstacles that have been put in your path. I'm telling you, **it takes effort.**

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2 Timothy 2:3 says....

Bear your share of hardship along with me like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

If you're going to endure over the long haul, you're going to have to toughen up.

You're going to have to get to where you don't let things bother you.

I know this flies in the face of how society thinks today:

I know that we are to love and be loved, but I am telling you today, your hurt feeling can be keeping you from running your race and doing Gods will.

Well, you just aren't in touch with your feelings. You're in denial.

I don't deny that problems exist, but I do deny that any of these things can conquer me.

I am absolutely in denial that I'm going to fail!

God has called me to win!

God has called me to be an overcomer!

I can guarantee I will overcome anything that the devil forms against me according to (Is. 54:17).

I am not in denial that sometimes things bother me, but I am **NOT** going to let them control me.

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I tell you, if you are going to fulfill God's will, you're going to have to adopt these attitudes I'm talking about today.

You need to realize that "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; better is a patient spirit than a lofty one." (Eccl. 7:8).

It's wonderful to find God's will and move in that direction, but really, it's only *after* you finish your course with joy that you realize all the benefits.

This is what I'm trying to do—to share with you how you can fulfill God's will for your life.