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*Have you ever had a time in your life where **you received something** you wanted and later you wished you hadn't gotten it?*

*Life Lesson: Often times, we  
truly don't know what's  
best for our lives...*

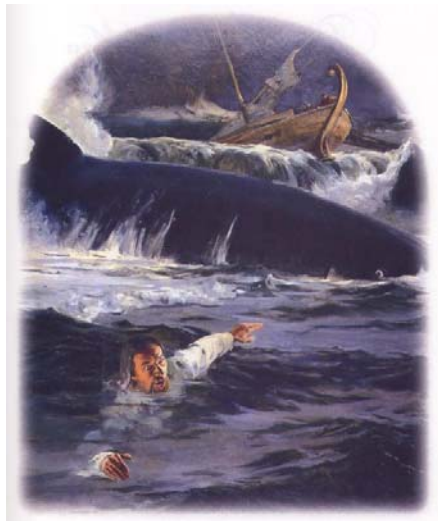
*Appreciating the Lord's Will:*  
Going Beyond Just Accepting  
What He Wants for Your Life

Point #1: There are times when what we want for our life and what God wants for our life don't match...

- Jonah 1: 1-10

- Jonah and the Lord aren't on the same page with what should happen in Jonah's life...
- Jonah decides to do it his way...and trouble follows...
- Have you ever decided to do it your way and trouble followed?

Jonah operating outside of the Will of God...



## Examples of how God's Will may be different from our will...

- God's Will says...
  - 1) God's Will says...**Do not be unequally yoked**, but our will causes us to date or marry the wrong person
  - 2) God's Will says...**Wait on the Lord**, but our will causes us to act on impulse
  - 3) God's Will says...**Work more in the Church**, but our will causes us to dedicate more time to ourselves, our jobs and our friends and family
  - 4) God's Will says...**Avoid sin**, but our will causes us to sin and deviate from His Law
  - 5) God's Will says...**I don't want you to have this now**, but our will causes us to keep trying to get it anyway

Point #2: What God wants for your life is far better for you **than what you want for your life...**

- 1 Samuel 16: 10-13
  - David lives a modest, humble life
- 2 Samuel 7: 18-22
  - The Lord elevates David to King
- The Lord had a purpose and plan for David that was greater than what David had imagined or planned for himself
- We should allow God to work His plan in our life...because His Will is perfect
  - Romans 12: 2



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Has God ever given you something *better* than what you actually wished, hoped and prayed for?



Point #3: Sometimes God has to allow us to experience pain because the pain is necessary to accomplish His perfect Will for our lives.

- John 19: 25-30
  - Jesus' pain had a purpose
  - His pain was necessary for our salvation
  - Life Lesson: Sometimes our pain is necessary...*
- James 1: 2-4
  - God wants us to be complete, not lacking anything
  - Persevering and making it through tough times and situations prepares us for what God wants us to become in life
- Matthew 26: 39, 42
  - We ought to get to the point in our pain where we can say, "May Your Will be done"...

Point #4: If you know His Hand is on your life, you should be confident that He is working His Will in your life...(even during the tough times)

- Romans 8: 28

- If you know God is watching over you there is no need to worry... We worry when we think God isn't there for us... *It is our responsibility to strengthen our relationship with the Lord* so that we trust Him more.



Point #5: Pray that You can recognize His Will for your life and Pray that His Will be done in your life...

- Matthew 6: 6-13
  - We should ask for His Will to be done in our lives
- I John 5: 14-15
  - If we want our prayers to be heard and answered, we should ask **according to His Will...**

*Life Lesson: To know what God's Will is for our lives, we must spend more time with Him in Worship and in prayer. Ask God to show you His will for your life and make your life decisions accordingly...*

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