

Don't know which way to go?
Ask God for direction...



*Have you ever asked yourself
this question...*

What is *God's will* for my life?

The word *will* means intention
or purpose

When we speak of *God's will* for our
lives, we are really talking about His
purpose and intention for us.

The Model Prayer

- Matthew 6: 9-13
 - When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, we were given a blueprint of the important elements of prayer
 - Notice that in Verse 10, the Bible says, “your will be done,” which refers to the will of our Heavenly Father being done here on Earth
 - Have you ever wondered what God has willed or what He wants to happen in your life?

What was God’s intention for Adam and Eve?

- Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-18, 21-24
 - What did God intend by creating man and woman?
 - What was God’s purpose in putting man and woman together?
 - Surely, God intended for the union of man and woman to be good
- Genesis 3: 6-7
 - Adam and Eve are disobedient. What happens to *God’s will* for their lives?

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

- Jonah 1: 1-12
 - 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...



When we use our free will to be disobedient, it can alter the course that God intended for our lives.

Unfortunately, disobedience by one person can also change the course of another person's life.
Have you ever had your life altered by the actions of someone else?

Sometimes, we fight His will, but what He wants for us is far better than what we want for ourselves.

Are you fighting His will?

- Are the people you have in your life the people He wants in your life?
- Are you getting impatient and resorting to means of solving your problem that are against His will?
- Are you spending your time the way He wants you to?
- Are you doing things that are pleasing and acceptable in His sight?
- Is your life headed in the direction that He would like for it to go?
- Is what you want for your life in line with what He wants for your life?

Why do we fight God's will?

- Sometimes, we know, that we are conducting our lives and making our decisions outside of His will
 - We fight His will because
 - We want immediate gratification
 - We believe our way is better
 - We want what we want and not what He wants for us
 - We have trust issues with God

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: 18-21
 - 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

Sometimes, it's not His will that you experience trouble, it's just *LIFE*... Often times, God allows things to happen, but He doesn't necessarily send you trouble.

- These things sometimes happen because our lives were made in a way that things won't be perfect all of the time. Sometimes, it is another person that can cause us problems too.
 - Sickness
 - Accidents
 - Being mistreated
 - A bad day
 - Financial problems
 - Marital and family issues
 - Natural disasters

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"...
- Romans 8:28
 - Be confident that despite your difficult circumstances that God will allow all of your life experiences to work together for your good.

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, bible study and in prayer. Ask God to show you His will for your life and make your life decisions accordingly...

Sometimes, we really know the Lord's will.

Can you identify what His will is in these situations?

- We aren't getting along, I want out of this unhappy marriage even though to my knowledge there has been no unfaithfulness.
- Lord, this person who hurt me really needs to be taught a lesson. What should I do?
- I can relieve my financial burdens if I am willing to compromise my morals.
- I am single and I really want to be married, but this person doesn't have a relationship with God. What should I do?
- **Life Lesson:** Consult His Word when wanting to know what the Lord's will is...

How can I know His will?

- God's Word tells us His will
- Our obedience connects us with Him
- Prayer and quality communication
- Listen to the wisdom of Godly brothers and sisters in Christ
- Pay attention to doors that open and doors that close in your life. He could be guiding you