



● The **church** should be a safe place to ask questions.

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." James 4:13-15

The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:17

When he (Jesus) brings all his sheep out, he goes ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger. They will run away from him because they don't know his voice." John 10:4-5

The Theology of God's will:

● The **sovereign** will of God.

What God is doing on the **earth**.

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9-10

● The **moral** will of God.

What God has already said in His **Word**.

● The **personal** will of God.

What God **desires** for my life.

Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you... Jeremiah 1:5 (MSG)

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalms 139:16

The more I get to know the sovereign will of God and the moral will of God, the better I will discern the **personal** will of God.

Two Questions that prepare our heart for God's will:

What am I **doing** that I **should not** be doing?

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts, Point out anything in me that offends you... Psalm 139:23-24

What am I **not doing** that I **should** be doing?

Six tests we can run our decisions through:

● Am I in a **right relationship** with God?

Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God... Romans 12:2

● What does the **Bible** say?

Don't become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; that's war. Is light best friends with dark? 2 Corinthians 6:14 (MSG)

● What would **Jesus** do?

But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. James 3:14-17

● Have I sought godly **counsel**?

Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed. Proverbs 15:22

● Do I sense God's **peace**?

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace... 1 Corinthians 14:33(KJV)

● Is it **my will** or **God's will**?

Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will. Matthew 26:39

I want what God wants – **period**.



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IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Is there a Biblical question you have been seeking an answer to?
- Is God's will important to you? Why?
- Do you agree that the church (even our church) should be a safe place to ask questions? Do you think we are? Explain.
- Discuss your understanding of the framework of God's Will. (The sovereign, moral and God's personal will for our lives.)
- What are some ways that we end up living in the "rough" and then have a difficult time getting into the "fairway" of God's will?
- Discuss the 2 Questions that prepare our heart for God's will. Why are these questions important?
- Discuss the 6 tests (questions) that we can run our decisions through?
- Are any of these tests difficult for you?
- Can you honestly say that you want God's will for your life, period?

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