

Title: Living In God's Will

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Jesus wasn't kidding when He said He gives us life more abundantly. He is the Way. He is the Truth, and He is the Life. When you're with Him and we gather together, He says, "If just two of you are gathered in My name, I'm there in your midst." He always brings life with Him. He always brings with Him life. I'm so grateful. I know that we're commanded in Scripture, we get to choose life. I tell the Lord that every day. It's an abundance above and beyond what I can hope, think or imagine. Isn't He good? Amen. Wow.

Well, I'm going to review a bit from last week and continue on. Last week, we talked about anticipation and the will of God, and how the Lord anticipates meeting with us. How the Lord is eager to reveal the sons and daughters of God. How the Lord is anticipating our desire to be in His will, truth? We are His children, and the sheep of His pasture. He eagerly longs for us. He eagerly longs to accomplish the plans and purposes that He has for us. That's in Him, and with Him, and for Him. Everything that we do is in Him. Amen. There's nothing outside of Him. Now, you've been born again from above. He is your all in all. He's the only One. Amen. As believers in Jesus, we are devoted to God's will. Why? Because of the Spirit that earnestly intercedes on behalf of the saints, to be in God's will. Because, apart from the Lord, we can do nothing. But Holy Spirit is in us, once we've been born again from above, to literally intercede on our behalf to accomplish the Lord's will. It's not a flippant thing. It's not just a religious slogan or saying. "God's will be done." No, this is huge. This is God's heart. We want to know and believe and understand the will of God.

We talked about scriptures where Jesus said it more than once, "Not My will, Father, but Your will be done." He taught us. He is our model. Jesus is King. He is Lord, and we are His followers and His children. As He is, so are we in this world. He has shown us how to become bond servants and how to live according to the will of God in our lives, because that's what He did. He did it perfectly. He never missed the mark, amen. We want to submit to God's will with all of our heart, all of our mind, will and emotion. Everything that we have belongs to the Lord now. He says, "You're no longer your own. You've been bought with a price." Because of what Jesus has done, He has led us into the ability and the anointing to submit. A big word, "submit," to the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

The will of God is our sanctification. The will of God makes us holy. The will of God is what's uprooting from us those things that the Father did not plant. You understand? He's working out of us that sin nature and showing us how to live as sons and daughters of the Most High God. That's why we abide and remain in His word, because when we read the word, whoosh, we receive that anointing. The understanding, revelation, ability and power to be able to walk as the Lord has led us to walk. We're no longer living for, "our own will and according to our flesh," but by the will of God. Wow, the true sons and daughters of God are led by the Spirit. True sons and daughters of God are led by the Spirit. Say, "I am led by the Spirit." Oh my God, what glory when we submit our will to the Spirit. Truth.

First John 2:17 NKJV

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deliverance, your freedom to have the mind of Christ, to be completely transformed from the inside out, to be able to live free, to have peace that passes your own understanding, to have a wholeness, and to be made whole. He makes us whole. He's perfecting what concerns us according to His will. This is glorious. This is the glorious gospel, and it is the sanctification that the Holy Ghost is doing in us. You're not perfecting yourself. God is perfecting you. He just asks for your heart. He wants all of our heart, and He wants us to trust Him, especially in difficult times.

He wants us to trust Him. I tell the Lord every day, "I trust you. I trust you, Father. I trust you, Jesus. I trust you, Holy Spirit. I trust Your word." The Father loves it. In our close relationships, families, and marriages, we love it when we trust one another. But we can only do that, because of God's saving grace. But, how much more the Father of glory? Should we not trust God? There are all kinds of scriptures on trust. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding."* This is God's will for us. I like to tell Him these things. Don't be shy in talking to God. If you're newly saved or born again, tell God. Talk to God. Tell Him everything that's in your heart. Don't hold back. He loves it. Just talk to Him. He knows it anyway. But, how glorious when you open your mouth and you tell Him that.

True rest comes from living in God's will. God offers us true peace, that's found only in Him. I can't find that anywhere else. You won't even find it in your closest loved ones. We can only find it in our Savior, in Him and in His Word. True peace is found only in Him. The world, the saints, and the peoples on the planet, need peace. Not a false peace, but the whole peace only our God can give.

John 16:33 NKJV

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

In the Scripture I read earlier, *"And the world is passing away, and the lust of it. But, he who does the will of God abides forever."* Jesus knew this. So, when we've been born again, He actually reveals God's will to us. That is astounding to me, and that is amazing to me. You just know, that you know, that you know that you are right in the center of His will. You know that's by the Spirit, because if you abide in Him and with Him, that's where the will of God is manifested. He says, *"In the world there is tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* Jesus overcame the world. His family will overcome as well, amen. In this life, as we yield and submit to His will and His works, we find ourselves at peace with God, while living in the world, but not of it. We're in the world, but not of it. There's a difference. In joy, life, troubles, even hardship, there's a peace that passes understanding.

The greatest prayer of our heart should be in the will of God. *"Father, not my will, but Your will be done,"* even if it's hard, because He promises to be with us. We find respite in God, in Christ and the Holy Ghost. God always desires for His people to follow Him and live from His blessing. We just follow. He's the Shepherd. He leads us. Yes, we just follow. He leads. He is the Head. He is the Husband. He is God, He is Lord, and He is King. We abide and live to do His will. So, we just follow. We follow, and His will is always perfect, and He perfects what concerns us. Yes, even your sanctification. Wow. Sometimes God desires for people to follow Him. Sometimes humans find other options that oppose His rest. God has always wanted us as His people to follow Him from the very beginning, and to live in the blessing. Often times, there seems to be better options instead of His rest.

Jeremiah 6:16 NET

"The Lord said to His people: You are standing at the crossroads. So consider your path. Ask where the old reliable paths are. Ask where the path is that leads to blessing and follow it. If you do, you will find rest for your souls." But they said, "We will not follow it!"

Say, "humans." *"The Lord said to His people: You are standing at the crossroads. So consider your path." So, to this day in Christ, we still consider our path. "The path of the righteous is like the glorious sun rising in all strength, it grows brighter and brighter and brighter to the coming day." "The Lord leads the righteous in His ways and in His paths." "Consider your path. Ask where the old, reliable paths are. Ask where the path is that leads to blessing and follow it. If you do, you will find rest for your souls." But they said, "We will not follow it!"*

That's the battleground of the flesh. Our heart is being transformed to trust and to follow the Lord and His Word and His Spirit daily. *"Lord, not my will, but Your will be done."* He doesn't make it hard. He doesn't make it hard. As we speak of Jesus and His works. We say this all the time. *"As He is, so are we in this world."* We have to understand that, *"Apart from Him, I can do nothing."* We have to have revelation knowledge, to submit to the will of God, because you know that the Holy Ghost is in you. You know and believe Jesus, and you allow Him to accomplish His will in your life. We choose His path, amen.

First John 3:2-3 NKJV

"Beloved, now we are the children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."

'Now, we are children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know,' here's our confidence, *"that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him."* That is glorious and Holy Spirit wants us to understand, as saints of the Most High God, that Jesus is Lord, and He lives in us today. He is perfecting our paths. He is sanctifying us according to His will for our lives. We are submitting to His will and, *"As He is so are we."* This is what purifies us. Yes, this hope purifies us. This hope works wonders in us. I have been born again from above, amen. *"As He is, so are we."* You can pray that every day, *"As He is, so are we."* Wow, what a work! This is the will of God, our sanctification. Love is the will of God, okay? God is love. So first and foremost, we have to know in Whom we believe, know that He is love and receive that love.

First John 4:17 NKJV

"Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world."

Hear it? *"Love has been perfected among us."* Because, *"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. Whoever believes in Him shall not perish."* So, we repent of our sinful ways. We repent of our well doings. We forgive those who sinned against us. We enter into a living hope, into a covenant of peace, and we are given eternal life. That actually starts the moment you say "Jesus is Lord," and we breathe in that life. The will of God is sanctifying us until we see Him face to face. Wow. All hail King Jesus, the Savior of the world. When we know that He is perfecting what concerns us, that should encourage us. Yes, I don't want to be the one that He says, *"But, you will not follow it."* 'Ask where the path is that leads to blessing and follow it.' It would make sense that we would want the blessing, not the curse. But with humanity and the blindness of sin, there comes the default back to humans, humanity, and the way of sin that leads to death. But as born again believers, we have the option and choice now to follow the good path. You will find rest, for your soul. We all need this, and it will not stop

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until we see the Lord face to face. You talk about eternal rest. Hallelujah. Hang on. I need the Lord to manifest now, in this life, His will for me.

John 9:1-7 NKJV

This is an impossible situation for any human. To be born in sin, to be free, to be healed, to be delivered, and to be made whole. It is impossible for any human on the wrong path, to find life, healing, wholeness, sight, hearing, and resurrection, except through faith in Jesus, truth! There is no other way. He is manifesting the will of God, while He is on the Earth, to all those that God so willed that He touch. He revealed that, and we are reading His testimonies to this day. That this same Christ is still alive in me. *“Christ in you, the hope of glory,”* right? *“It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me.”* This path is the will of God, your sanctification. He is showing us these testimonies. Not just to give Him all the glory and honor and praise for what He did for Him. But to wake up and know, this is the same Christ that's living in us today. The works that He does, you will do also. Because, *“As I am, so are you in this world.”* You will, *“go around doing good, healing all oppressed by the devil,”* because you have the same anointing. *“You have an anointing from the Holy One. You know it very well.”* That's truth, but, *“It's Christ in you,”* not you doing those works. You understand, that liberates the saint to be free to believe God and allow the river to flow through here. *“I must work the works of Him who sent Me.”* That's the will of God. *“I must work the works of God who sent me.”* How do I know if I'm in God's will? You must do the works of Jesus. Yes, we must allow Him to work. We must allow Him to work while it's still called today. We must allow Him. We must submit to Him, and yield our whole being to His will. Amen.

John 5:16-21 NIV “The Authority of the Son”

“So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute Him. In His defense, Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working.” For this reason, they tried all the more to kill Him. Not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.” Verse 19, *“So, Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself. He can only do what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. Yes, and He will show Him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to those whom He is pleased to give it.”*

You see the unity of the Godhead here? You see the submission of the authority of Jesus Christ to the Father? Listen to this. *“Jesus was doing good things on the Sabbath, and the Jewish leaders began to persecute Him because of the Sabbath.”* Yes, in His defense, Jesus said, *“My Father is always at work to this very day, and I too am working.”* He just jumped over the Sabbath and said, *“I'm Lord of the Sabbath.”* ‘If I want to heal on the Sabbath, I'm going to heal on the Sabbath.’ How many people are saved on Sunday morning? You have to break through religion and hear the heart of God, *“Not My will, but Your will be done.”* He knew that, and He gave His Father such honor. *“My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working.”* It was that, *“Not My will, but Your will be done.”* *‘Truly the Son can do nothing of Himself. Whatever He sees the Father doing, that is what the Son will do.’* *‘The Son is going to give life to those in whom He's pleased to give it.’* To give life and life more abundantly. That's why we choose life. We tell Him that. “I choose life and choose to live and declare the works of the Lord,” truth.

True rest is living according to His Word. True rest is found in obedience. True rest is fully submitted to the Father's will. So, if He calls you out at four in the morning to go do some

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incredible work of prayer or intercession, you say, "Well, it's four, Lord." You understand that true rest is being obedient to the Father's will. It doesn't matter what the call. We're submitted to the sanctifying process of the great Holy Ghost who's actually using and working with us, as we allow God to minister through us. I want us to see the will of God and how Jesus moved. This chapter is loaded and we are going to read the entire chapter.

Mark 5 NKJV

True rest is believing God's word and submitting to His will. Jesus was completely and totally submitted to the will of the Father, in these testimonies of a day in the life of Christ. The sanctifying, healing, glorious delivering, power of the Father was working in, with and through the submitted Son, for the Father's glory. This is just one day, and the stories. Yes, we have a whole Bible of testimony of a glorious God and Jesus being fully submitted to do the Father's will. It was story, after story, after story, after story. Way, after way, and every way seemed to be a little different. Yes, just to mess with the religious who tried to form a pattern. Who He put His trust in was the great Holy Ghost, who He knew. Jesus was fully submitted to Him, and He went around doing good and healing all. Yes, the demons in the dude with the legion knew Him. I've done a lot of deliverances, but I haven't done that one. You can laugh. A big project, okay? They knew who He was.

What we must take from these testimonies is the rest that it gives us in knowing that Jesus was submitted to the Father's will. Jesus lives in us now. Is He still submitted? Is Jesus Christ still submitted to the Father's will now that He lives in us? Is it all up to us or Him? Who's submitted to the Father's will? Jesus and Holy Ghost, yes, hallelujah! What a glorious thing to know that I'm in the center of His will, because I believe Him and I trust Him. I'm available. He'll use a sanctified, willing, yielded vessel in a moment, and you can make a difference and change someone's life. Yes, whether you deal with these legions or not, it's the same King. It's the same King who heals you of your affliction. It's the same King that saves your loved ones. It's the same King and Lord who goes around and delivers people from torment and shame. It's the same King who does the will of God in us, and I'm submitted to that will. So, when He leads you, "*Not My will, but Your will be done, Father.*" You're submitted, because Jesus is. "*Not My will, but Your will be done, Father,*" and we're in agreement. We are two or three in agreement, and the will of God is going to manifest. You hear it? You're not just going out by yourself, trying to work up some work. We are led by the Spirit.

Romans 8 NKJV

We are led by the Spirit. These are the sons of God. Jesus was led by the Spirit. It's easy to submit to Holy Ghost, truth. Yes, we want true rest. We want a true state of spiritual peace and tranquility, but it all comes down to a shalom peace, knowing that you are in the center of His will. He'll test us. He'll give us opportunities that are over our head. "Well, Lord, I've never done that before. I haven't preached to all these women in prison before. I've never gone into the neighborhoods and ministered before. I've never gone across the seas to be a missionary. I may have never gone into my workplace and testified of Jesus or prayed for my co worker who was sick." But, you have to always go back, lean in and rely upon Jesus, who said, "*Father, not My will, but Your will be done.*" This is Christ in you. We're lining up with that will. When we submit to Him and the Father, here we go. We're going to do the Kingdom, amen. Even getting up and prophesying, testifying, dancing, and waving banners and flags. It's all part of His Kingdom. It's all part of His Kingdom as we host His presence. Where His presence is, His will is being done. Amen! We have to let Christ live fully within us to accomplish His will. Notice I said, "Let." There's the yielding, there's the submission, and there's the believing Him. "*Not My will, but Your will be done.*" He's on our path. He's in us, and He's leading us into all truth.

Matthew 11:25-29 NKJV

“At that time, Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.””

That's amazing to me. Don't surpass, don't go past these statements of Jesus. He knew that pleased the Lord, *“This seemed good in Your sight.”* You understand? He saw that. Verse 27, *“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”* Wow, wow. *“Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”* Verse 28, *“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*

This is a powerful, glorious proclamation from Jesus, and you see His submission to the Father's will. He knows the rest, the Sabbath rest. He will give to every soul when we cross over into the Kingdom of Heaven. He knows the rest that comes from obeying God. That's why He says, *“Not My will, but Your will be done,”* even in the Garden of Gethsemane. *“Father, not My will, but Your will be done.”* He lives in us now. The Spirit ever interceding, *“Not My will, but Your will be done.”* He has not stopped and it didn't die when He went to Heaven. He still lives in His body on the Earth. There is a rest, there is a peace, there is a healing, there is salvation, and there is an acknowledgement of the King of Glory who's going to destroy the works of the devil. Yes, and whether you know it or not, the demons on the planet see Christ in you. They see the angels with you. They see that you're clothed in light. They tremble, the Scripture says, and they fear. Yes, we are being raised up in Him to do His will. This is the Holy Ghost's joy, our sanctification. Making us holy, to allow the Lord to cleanse us and transform us. Oh, my God, *“The one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”* I mean, “God, reveal Yourself to me.” Remember that every day, this same Christ is in us. He's crying out for Father's will to be done. “Here we are, Lord, yes!”

Let's stand up and receive His Word, wow. Receive His word and honor it. You have to meditate on it, and don't take it flippantly. *“Not My will, but Your will be done.”* That's a big statement.

“Father, we honor you. We honor your glory. We honor your presence today. We love being with you. We love being with you. We expect you every time we gather. We know you're here. We honor you so much. We adore you. We will pour out all of our heart to you every day. Thank you for your blessings and the word of God. How you lead us and instruct us in the will of the Lord. Thank you that you are uplifting and removing all weariness from every soul. Lord God, you are bringing healing, knowing that Christ in us is the hope of glory. Jesus, may you continue to work your great work through us. You know where we're at. You know all of our families. You know the souls that we touch and have influence in. You know when we walk down the street and meet a stranger, and the opportunity is set before them. We will submit to your will and allow you to minister freely. We will submit to your will and allow you to have a day like we just read about. To go around doing good. Jesus, we vow to give you all the glory. In Jesus's name we pray, amen.” Be blessed. If you need prayer, we will pray for you.