

EPISODE 1

Understanding God's Will

Key Statements

- The question of God's will begins as soon as we acknowledge His existence. Every human heart longs to know, "*Why am I here?*"
- God's will is not a secret blueprint to decode but His **heart revealed** to His children.
- Ephesians 5:15–17 calls us to walk wisely, making the most of our time and understanding the Lord's will.
- The Greek word for will, *thelēma*, means God's desire, His pleasure, what delights His heart.
- Romans 12:1–2 teaches that discerning God's will comes through **transformation**, not just information.
- Transformation happens as we resist conformity to the world and renew our minds through God's Word and Spirit.
- God's will is described as **good, pleasing, and perfect**, beautifully moral, deeply satisfying, and completely trustworthy.
- God's will is less about decoding the future and more about becoming like Jesus in the present.

Listening Prompts

As you listen, notice:

- How modern life's noise and competing voices make it difficult to discern God's whisper.
- The difference between viewing God's will as a hidden plan versus an ongoing relationship.
- Why wisdom in Ephesians 5 is about aligning your life with God's will.
- How transformation (Romans 12) clarifies God's will more than striving or guessing.

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Reflection Questions

Have you ever viewed God's will as something distant, confusing, or hard to find? How does this teaching challenge that view?

In what areas of your life are you tempted to conform to the pattern of this world?

What does it look like for your mind to be renewed daily by Scripture and the Spirit?

How can you shift your question from "*What is God's will for my life?*" to "*Am I becoming a person who reflects God's will?*"

Practical Application

- Each morning this week, pray Ephesians 5:15–17, asking God to make you wise and aware of His will in your daily choices.
- Identify one "cultural mold" shaping your thinking (comparison, ambition, fear, comfort) and intentionally resist it.
- Spend ten minutes each day in silence or Scripture, inviting the Spirit to renew your mind.
- Journal one area where you sense God is transforming your character, not just your circumstances.

Further Biblical Study

- **Ephesians 5:15–17** – Walk wisely, understanding the Lord's will.
- **Romans 12:1–2** – Be transformed by renewing your mind.
- **Psalms 143:10** – “Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.”
- **John 6:38–40** – Jesus reveals and fulfills the Father's will.
- **Micah 6:8** – What God requires: to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You that Your will is not a mystery to fear but a relationship to walk in. Teach me to resist the patterns of this world and be transformed by Your truth. Renew my mind, reshape my desires, and help me reflect Your heart in everything I do. May my life reveal Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Amen.

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EPISODE 2

The Way and the Will of God

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Key Statements

- Many of us approach God's will like a spiritual puzzle or IKEA set, dumping out the pieces, anxious to assemble a perfect life.
- God's will is not a formula to figure out but a relationship to walk in.
- Scripture speaks of *three dimensions* of God's will:
 - **God's Sovereign Will** – His works. Everything that happens unfolds under His supreme authority and purpose.
 - **God's Moral Will** – His ways. These are His commands and principles revealed in Scripture for how we should live.
 - **God's Personal Will** – His guidance in individual situations, which flows out of knowing and walking in His revealed will.
- The center of God's will is not a hidden dot we might miss, it is a surrendered life aligned with His ways.
- We often want **God's will** without wanting **God's way**, clarity without consecration, answers without intimacy, direction without surrender.
- When we walk in God's *ways*, we will always be in His *will*.
- The will of God is the way of God revealed in the Word of God.

Listening Prompts

As you listen, notice:

- How the “tinkering” spirit of our generation shapes our approach to God's will.
- The difference between God's sovereign, moral, and personal will.
- Why the Bible focuses on God's revealed moral will rather than hidden personal details.
- How aligning with God's ways naturally leads us into His *will*.

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Reflection Questions

Have you ever been afraid of “missing” God’s will? How does understanding His sovereign and moral will free you from that fear?

Which of God’s “ways” (commands, attitudes, or practices) do you struggle most to live out daily?

What would it look like for you to prioritize God’s way over your need for specific *answers*?

How can surrender and intimacy with God bring clarity where anxiety once ruled?

Practical Application

- Write out the three types of God’s will (sovereign, moral, personal) and one Scripture reference for each.
- Each day this week, pray: *“God, help me walk in Your ways so I can live in Your will.”*
- Focus on one command or “one another” in Scripture (love, forgive, serve, encourage) and practice it intentionally.
- When facing a decision, ask: *“Is this choice consistent with God’s revealed Word and character?”*

Further Biblical Study

- **Proverbs 21:1** – God directs rulers’ hearts like streams of water.

- **Ephesians 1:11** – God works all things according to the counsel of His will.
- **1 Thessalonians 4:3** – God’s will is your sanctification.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:16–18** – Rejoice, pray, give thanks—this is God’s will for you.
- **2 Samuel 22:31** – “As for God, His way is perfect.”

Closing Prayer

Sovereign God, thank You that Your will is not a mystery to fear but a path to walk. Forgive me for chasing clarity more than character and control more than surrender. Teach me to know Your ways and trust that as I walk in them, I will remain in Your will. Help me to rest in Your sovereignty, obey Your Word, and reflect Your character in every decision I make. Amen.

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EPISODE 3

Whatever You Do

Key Statements

- People everywhere want direction for their future, but many approach God's will in superstitious ways, looking for signs, coincidences, or mystical confirmation.
- In Colossians, Paul teaches that God's will is not a secret map but a Person, Christ Himself.
- God's will is not primarily about **location or vocation**, but **orientation**, a life centered on Jesus' lordship.
- Colossians 3:17 summarizes the entire Christian life:
"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."
- To act "in Jesus' name" means to live in dependence on Him, to represent Him, and to do all things consistent with His character.
- God's will is not fragile, hidden, or confined to one perfect path. It's present, not just future.
- Gerald Sittser wrote, *"The will of God consists in a life lived for God right where we are."*
- When we live God's way, wherever we are becomes God's will.
- We don't need to chase burning bushes. Like Moses, if we're faithful to tend the sheep before us, God will reveal what's next in His time.

Listening Prompts

As you listen, notice:

- How Paul reframes "God's will" in Colossians 3 around Christ's lordship, not personal details.
- The meaning of the word whatever, all, every, the whole, showing that God's will encompasses every part of life.
- The danger of obsessing over future plans instead of living faithfully in the present.
- How Moses' story in Exodus 3 shows that God reveals His will to those who are already faithful in the ordinary.

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Reflection Questions

When have you looked for a “burning bush” moment instead of tending the sheep God already gave you?

What would it look like for you to live as though *whatever you do* can glorify God?

How can you reorient your decisions around the question, “Can I do this in the name of Jesus?”

Which area of your life, work, relationships, daily habits, needs to come under the lordship of Christ?

Practical Application

- Before making decisions this week, pause and ask: “*Can I do this in Jesus’ name? Will this reflect His character?*”
- Practice gratitude by thanking God in all things (Colossians 3:17).
- Identify one “ordinary” area of your life, work, family, chores, or school, and commit to doing it faithfully as worship.
- When you feel anxious about the future, shift your focus to obedience in the present.

Further Biblical Study

- **Colossians 3:17** – Whatever you do, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- **1 Corinthians 10:31** – Whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.
- **Psalms 32:8** – God promises to instruct and guide us.
- **Exodus 3:1–6** – God calls Moses in the midst of everyday faithfulness.
- **Micah 6:8** – What the Lord requires: act justly, love mercy, walk humbly.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You that Your will is not hidden or fragile but found in a life centered on You. Teach me to do whatever I do in Your name, with gratitude, integrity, and joy. Help me to live faithfully in the ordinary, trusting that You'll reveal the next step in Your perfect timing. May my life bring honor to Your name in every word and deed. Amen.

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EPISODE 4

How God Guides Us

Key Statements

- Many of us want God's best but fear we'll miss it, like one wrong move will derail His plan.
- God's will is not a **map** to decode or a **tightrope** to balance on, it's a relationship to walk in.
- God's will is that we would **be with Him, become like Him, and do whatever we do in His name.**
- Scripture shows three lenses of God's will:
 - **His Sovereign Will** – What God is going to do, no matter what. His unstoppable plan that directs all things toward His purpose.
 - **His Moral Will** – How God wants His children to live; His revealed Word, character, and commands.
 - **His Personal Will** – The specific guidance He gives as we walk in His ways.
- God's will is not primarily about *what we do* but *who we are becoming* as we do it.
- When we are walking in His ways, we will always be in His will.

Listening Prompts

As you listen, notice:

- How Jacob's story in Genesis 28 shows the way God guides us through ordinary means.
- The three "windows" God often uses to reveal His direction:
 - **The Influence of Others** – Wise, godly people who offer perspective and counsel.
 - **Life Situations** – Circumstances that open or close doors, shaping where God leads us.
 - **The Leading of the Holy Spirit** – God's personal presence, prompting, and peace.

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- Why wisdom, not certainty, is God's gift for decision-making.
- How God uses both *people* and *pressure* to position us in His purpose.

Reflection Questions

Who are the wise, godly people in your life that you can invite into your decision-making process?

How has God used a difficult or “closed door” season to redirect you toward His purpose?

What helps you recognize the Holy Spirit's prompting in your life?

Which of the three windows, others, circumstances, or the Spirit, has God used most recently to guide you?

How can you grow in building your life on God's Word so that you stay centered in His will?

Practical Application

- Identify a current decision or area where you need wisdom. Seek input from one or two spiritually mature people who know God's Word and know you.

- Reflect on a past closed door or disappointment. Write how God used it to move you toward a better plan.
- Create space for the Holy Spirit: take 10 minutes in silence this week asking Him to guide your steps.
- Revisit Matthew 7:24–25 and consider what it looks like to build your life on the rock, hearing and doing God’s Word.

Further Biblical Study

- **Genesis 28:1–17** – Jacob’s journey and God’s guidance.
- **Proverbs 13:20** – Walk with the wise and become wise.
- **Proverbs 12:15** – The wise listen to advice.
- **Psalms 48:14** – “He will be our guide even to the end.”
- **John 16:13** – The Spirit will guide you into all truth.
- **Matthew 7:24–25** – Build your life on the rock of God’s Word.

Closing Prayer

God, thank You that Your will is not hidden or fragile but revealed through Your Word, Your people, Your Spirit, and even my circumstances. Teach me to walk wisely, listen humbly, and trust You completely. Help me to stop running long enough to recognize Your presence, knowing You are guiding me even when I can’t see the whole path. May my life be built on the solid rock of Your Word so I can stand firm in Your will. Amen.

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