

The Great Journey

Discovering God's Will Series

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INTRODUCTION

One of the most commonly asked questions throughout the history of the Church, and really the entire Christian faith, has been: “*What is God's will for my life?*” or “*How do I know God's will for my life?*” We've all wrestled with this question at some point in our lives and along our own personal faith journeys. The truth is, we want to know God's will for our lives because we know how important it is to make the right decisions in front end in order to avoid pitfalls and regrets later on. However, we will never be able to truly discern God's will and His leading for our lives until we first understand and know who He is. This is where the journey of discovering His will begins.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your personal understanding of God's will? Describe a time in your life where you were trying to discern and discover His will and leading in your life. What was going on and what were you asking from God?
2. In the message this morning, we heard the three primary wills of God that are often found in the Bible. What were they and why are they significant in helping us understand His will for our lives?
3. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. This is a familiar and often quoted verse. How would you explain these verses in your own words? What is it really saying?
4. One of the common myths is that God makes it *difficult* for us to discover His will. Have you found this to be true in your life? If so, why? What is the truth that we find in God's Word (refer to Proverbs 3:6; Psalm 32:8)?
5. Another common myth is that God should show us His will so that we can *consider* what we should do. What are some ways we tend to fall into this way of thinking? How does Proverbs 3:5 challenge this notion that God reveals His will simply for our consideration?
6. The third common myth is that God's highest goal is for our *happiness*. How is this mindset evident in our culture and in the Church today? Do you believe this to be true? Why or why not? Read Ephesians 2:10. According to this verse, what is God's ultimate purpose for our lives?

SUMMARY OF THE SERIES

*Understanding the PROVIDENTIAL will of God,
and obeying the MORAL will of God,
will help you discover the PERSONAL will of God.*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Prov 3:5-6