



The Lord's Will Be Done

¹After saying farewell to the Ephesian elders, we sailed straight to the island of Cos. The next day we reached Rhodes and then went to Patara. ²There we boarded a ship sailing for Phoenicia. ³We sighted the island of Cyprus, passed it on our left, and landed at the harbor of Tyre, in Syria, where the ship was to unload its cargo. ⁴We went ashore, found the local believers, and stayed with them a week. These believers prophesied through the Holy Spirit that Paul should not go on to Jerusalem. ⁵When we returned to the ship at the end of the week, the entire congregation, including women and children, left the city and came down to the shore with us. There we knelt, prayed, ⁶and said our farewells. Then we went aboard, and they returned home. ⁷The next stop after leaving Tyre was Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and sisters and stayed for one day. ⁸The next day we went on to Caesarea and stayed at the home of Philip the Evangelist, one of the seven men who had been chosen to distribute food. ⁹He had four unmarried daughters who had the gift of prophecy. ¹⁰Several days later a man named Agabus, who also had the gift of prophecy, arrived from Judea. ¹¹He came over, took Paul's belt, and bound his own feet and hands with it. Then he said, "The Holy Spirit declares, 'So shall the owner of this belt be bound by the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem and turned over to the Gentiles.'" ¹²When we heard this, we and the local believers all begged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. ¹³But he said, "Why all this weeping? You are breaking my heart! I am ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴When it was clear that we couldn't persuade him, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."

Acts 21:1-14

Was Paul Right Or Wrong In Going To Jerusalem?

The Holy Spirit Warned Paul About The Things To Come In Jerusalem

In Order To _____ Him To Go To There,
Not To _____ Him From Going.

To Know God's Will For My Life I Need To . . .

1. Write God A _____ With My _____

2. Base my decisions on _____
Not _____

3. Listen To And Evaluate The _____ Of

Memory Verse

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires."
Psalm 37:4

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Invite Jesus to by my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize Psalm 37:4
- Ask God to show me any area where I'm saying "My Will Be Done"
- Get the most out of today's message by attending my Life Group
- Sign up to receive the daily email Easter devotionals



Discussion Questions - Week #7

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "The Lord's Will Be Done," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- ▶ If a new believer asked you, "how can I be sure of God's will for my life?" How do you think you would answer them?
- ▶ Share an example of a time when you made a decision that ran contrary to human wisdom but based on biblical principles. How did it turn out?
- ▶ Since God is all-knowing and all-loving, you would think we would always choose to follow his will, but we don't. What are some reasons so many people choose to ignore his will?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 1 Samuel 23:1-17. What stands out to you in this passage?

What do you make of the detail that David asked God twice whether he should go to Keilah?

What lesson can we learn that God sent David to Keilah, knowing they would willingly betray David to Saul?

Even amid confusion and fear of capture, David paused to seek the Lord. Is your habit to get moving or get praying when the storms are raging in your life?

What would have to change for you to rely more regularly on God's direction in your life?

2. As Paul does in most letters, his letter to the Colossians begins a prayer for the church. Read Colossians 1:3-12. What stands out to you in Paul's prayer?

How does Paul's prayer compare or contrast with your prayers?

In this section, Paul prays that God would reveal the knowledge of his will. How do you know when God's revealing His will and when it's just your preference?

According to this passage, what is the purpose of knowing God's will?

How might this purpose give us clarity in the decisions we make?

What is an area you're seeking God's will, and how are you pursuing it?

FOR PRACTICE

We all have decisions to make in our lives. Big and small, spiritual and mundane, each week, the decisions we must make are innumerable. In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick shared that one way of discerning God's will is by listening to and evaluating the counsel of Godly believers. Consider making it a practice in the coming weeks to share at least one impending decision you must make with two to three others and ask for their prayerful insight.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the unchurched and de-churched in our community. Pray that God would open their hearts to Him and break down the walls that prevent them from being a part of the body of Christ. Ask God to bring spiritual revival to our city as He's done before.