

DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE**#3: FIVE MYTHS ABOUT GOD'S WILL**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. *Romans 8:28*

I. If I Give Myself to God's Will, It Will Mean Pain & Suffering

- Life in any context means some _____.
- There might be suffering involved in doing God's will because of the world's _____ and spiritual warfare.
- Being in God's will means God will ultimately guide and _____ all things to work for the eventual good – God's glory and our benefit.
- God is not a cosmic _____ that deliberately plans His will for us to make us miserable; God loves us and is our heavenly Father.

The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it." Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out Your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Job 1:7-12

II. If My Life Is a Mess, I Must Be Out of God's Will

- Doing God's will often _____ to bigger messes in our life. Job, Joseph, Paul, and Jesus proved this.
- These messes occur because of _____ attacks, the sin of others, and sometimes the circumstances of life.
- These messes are _____ by God because of human freedom and for our spiritual growth.
- We should never automatically _____ ourselves and others as out of God's will because of these messes.
- When messes do occur, we should prayerfully _____ in case we are out of God's will.

"Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens – what can you do? They are deeper than the depths of the grave – what can you know? Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea." *Job 11:7-9*

III. God's Will Must Contain "God's Why"

- God often shows His will without showing His _____.
- "**God's Why**" is not revealed because it is beyond our _____, or we couldn't "handle it".
- At times, "**God's Why**" will be revealed at a _____ time of God's choosing, sometimes we'll never know or understand in this life.

- Positive faith with a grace filter _____ us to move forward without understanding “**God’s Why.**”

He (Jesus) took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, He fell with His face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.” Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour?” He asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may Your will be done.” *Matthew 26:37-42*

IV. Feelings of Peace Are Always a Good Indicator of God’s Leading

- Though initial “inner peace” can sometimes indicate God’s will, at other times it will _____.
- Our “inner peace” can sometimes indicate our own personal _____, which may be contrary to God’s will.
- When God’s will causes dramatic _____ out of our “comfort zone,” we often will not feel “peace.”
- Other discovery principles should be used to _____ our feelings of “peace.”

Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well. *Ecclesiastes 11:6*

V. I Have to Feel “Led” or Receive a “Call” to Do God’s Will or Work

- God will at times choose to reveal His will _____ than “inner leadings.”
- Your own personal preferences might “_____” God from leading you.
- When there are opportunities to serve God, “try them out” to see if it is a good _____.
- Some needs must be _____, whether you feel the call or not.

<p>Answers: I. Suffering; sin; control; killjoy. II. Leads; satanic; allowed; judge; evaluate. III. Why; understanding; later; enables. IV. Not; desires; change; confirm. V. Other; block; fit; served.</p>
