



Focus

What Is God's Will?

Sermon Recap

Conversation Starters:

- Why do you think people predominately serve their own will and desires?
- How is a selfish nature transformed into a selfless nature?
- How is living selfless eternally more rewarding than being selfish?

Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.

Reflect:

1.) Read [Proverbs 29:18](#) MSG - Pastor Jason identified nine questions we can ask ourselves so we can know the will of God:

Am I in my **Renewed Mind**? – [Romans 12:2](#) NIV.

What **Possible Motives** are driving my decision? - [Proverbs 16:2](#) NIV.

Does it agree with **The Bible**? - [Luke 21:33](#) NIV.

Do I have **All the Facts**? - [Proverbs 18:17](#) LB.

Have I sought **Godly Counsel**? – [Proverbs 11:14](#) NIV.

Is it my **Responsibility**? – [Romans 4:12,22](#) NIV.

Do I sense **God's Peace**? – [1st Corinthians 14:33](#) KJV.

Does it make me **More Like Christ**? – [Ephesians 4:22](#) MSG.

Is it **My Will** or **God's Will** – [Matthew 26:39](#) NIV.

Pastor Jason said, "Facts bow to truth." **What Godly truth or truths are behind each of the nine questions? What can we do to effectively apply each of the nine questions in our lives?**

2.) Pastor Jason shared three phases of "will" that we can be living in: 1.) I want what "**I Want**." – [James 4:13-15](#) NIV. 2.) I want what God wants – **But ... or If ...**" - [Mark 10:21-22](#) NIV. 3.) I want what God wants – **PERIOD** – [1st John 2:17](#) and [Luke 9:23](#) NIV.

What phase of "will" do you live in most, phase one, two, or three?

What is God calling you to do so you live out phase three which Christ modeled for us?



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Apply It:

Living life with an ever changing mind makes it hard to reach any destination? Why? The destination is always changing! Hard to reach destinations require determination, focus, and resilience. The fastest route to any destination is a straight line. Come into agreement with the truth that God knows the way and shows us the way in His Word. When we go our way, I assure you, we're not going God's way and are taking a hard turn off course. God is faithful to provide the way. We must be faithful in following His directions to get us there. "If God is not Lord of all, He's not Lord at all. Be on God's frequency. Hindsight gives insight into foresight." Before a crisis hits, HALT. When you're **Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired, STOP!** You're in the danger zone. Seek God's truth in these moments and keep your "but's" and "If's" out of your way and out of His way.

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

Ask your group members if they have a prayer request. Write them down and continue to pray for them during the week.

Father, surrender can often times seem weak to us. We can see with tainted and deceiving eyes if we base what we see upon our limited knowledge and understanding. The Apostle Paul, as highly educated as he was, forsook all he knew and was taught to come into agreement with Your Word. In so doing, he won Christ. Help us test and approve the spirits that are influencing us Lord. Help us see clear in truth so we can let go of what we think and embrace what You have declared. Our obedience to Your Word and direction assures our eternity with You and is for our good and Your glory. Help us live by Your principles not through life's pressures. Your way is best. We trust You Father and surrender to Your Way, in Christ we pray, amen.