

In the Meantime (Week 8)

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Sermon title: The Will of God: Disciplined Responses to the Circumstances of Life

I. What does the phrase “Will of God” mean?

II. “The Will” (Thelo) (2309)

definition:

III. “Rejoice” (Chairo) (5463)

definition:

IV. “Pray” (Proseuchomai) ((4336)

definition:

“Ceasing” (Adialeiptos) (89)

definition:

V. “Give thanks” (Eucharisteo) (2168)

definition:

“Circumstances” (3956)

definition:

Takeaways/Challenges:

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Life Group Questions: *(Read 1 Thessalonians 5:15-22)*

1. Verse 15 says “always seek to do good to one another”(ESV). Who is someone in your life right now that is hard to be good toward, and what would ‘pursuing what is good’ look like in that relationship this week? How might forgiveness play a role?
2. Verse 16 says "rejoice always". What's something in your current season that makes joy difficult, and how have you seen God give you joy even in tough moments? In what ways can we cultivate that joy more regularly in our everyday life? How might thanksgiving play a role?
3. Verse 17 Says "pray without ceasing." How often do you check in with God throughout the day? What area of your life do you find hardest to bring to God in consistent prayer and what's one practical way you could invite God into that space regularly?"
4. Verse 18 says “Give thanks in all circumstances". Share a really hard time in life that you've gone through that you are now thankful for. Were you able to thank Him in the middle of it? How might His history of faithfulness impact our faith in Him the next time trouble arises?
5. Verse 19 says "Do not quench the Spirit". Can you share a time recently when you sensed the Holy Spirit prompting you and how you responded? What helps you discern what is truly from God? What does it mean to "quench the Holy Spirit" and how would life possibly look different if the Spirit really had had full and free reign?