

SURRENDER AND THE WILL OF GOD

God's will can require us to lay down our desires and cost us deeply.

1. Jesus in the Center of God's Will

- Jesus was completely innocent, sinless, and perfectly obedient—yet obeying the Father's call was going to cost Him.
- Hebrews 12:2 – Jesus endured the cross.
 - Hypomenō (Greek): To _____, abide, not recede or flee.

Mark 14:34 & Luke 22:44 – Jesus' soul was crushed with grief, sweating drops of blood (Hematidrosis). Being in the center of God's will does not mean the absence of strain or turmoil.

2. The Cloud of Witnesses

- Noah (Genesis 6:22) – Obedience required decades of grueling labor.
- Abraham (Hebrews 11:8) – Called to leave comfort for an unknown path.
- Elijah (1 Kings 19:10) – Zealous for the Lord, yet hunted and isolated.
- The Apostles & Paul (2 Corinthians 11:26–27) – Lived faithfully, suffered greatly, and laid down their lives for the Kingdom.

"The middle of God's will is the safest and most terrifying place to be."

3. The Anatomy of Surrender (Mark 14:36)

1. Radical _____
 - "Take this cup away from me..."
 - Surrender begins when we stop hiding behind spiritual jargon and bring our real feelings to God.
2. Confession of _____
 - "Abba, Father! All things are possible for you..."
 - Proclaiming that God can change the situation, heal, or provide (Hebrews 11:6).
3. Forced Self-_____
 - "Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will."
 - This isn't passive fatalism—it is actively bowing our human heart to God's higher purpose.

Personal Reflection & Application

- 1 Peter 2:21 – Christ suffered for us, leaving an example for us to follow in His steps.
- Where in your life is God calling you to relinquish control, lay down a preference, or walk through a hard season in faith?

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Mark 14:32–42 • Mark 14:34 • Mark 14:36 • Luke 22:44 • Hebrews 12:2 • Hebrews 11:6 • Hebrews 11:8 • 1 Peter 2:21 • Genesis 6:13–22 • Genesis 12:1–4 • 1 Kings 18:1–19:18 • 1 Kings 19:10 • Acts 7:54–60 • Acts 12:1–2 • Romans 12:1–2 • 2 Corinthians 11:26–27 • Philippians 4:4 • Philippians 4:12 • Matthew 27:32–50 • Luke 23:33

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