



**God, Is
That You**

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Having ears to hear?

Mark 4:23-24 “If anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.” 24 Then he added, “Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given-- and you will receive even more.



Speaking = Communication

Communication = Knowing & Being Known



**Communication requires
speaking and listening**



Tone
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Content



Over the last two weeks we talked about how to listen and trust ourselves to God in times of

**Consolation
and
Desolation**





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Discovering God's Will

What is God's will?

God's Sovereign Will

King of Kings, Lord of Lords, God will accomplish whatever He decides, God will use all things, both good and bad, for good and to accomplish His will.

God's Commanded Will

God has allowed us, and made us for participation in His will and purpose. The plan for our lives is part of His plan. We can yield and align our life to God's will or we can say no to it.



Why should we desire God's will for our lives?

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Ephesians 3:19-20 ...*(I want you)* to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Seeking and desiring God's will should be our prayer

Psalm 143:10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.
May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing.

Matthew 6:10 ...your kingdom come, your will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven.



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Romans 12:2 (NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.



Not my will but Yours!

Matthew 6:10 ...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

John 5:30 "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me

John 4:34 "My food is to do the will of him who sent me"

Matthew 26:39 He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."



How God's will is revealed to us

Scripture

Psalm 40:8 I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

Body of Christ

Proverbs 12:15 A wise man is he who listens to counsel.

Colossians 3:14-16 ...above all these put on love... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Prayer & Worship

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



How God's will is revealed to us:

Scripture (*in our heart, hearing & putting into practice what it says*)

Body of Christ (*love, connection, prayer, counsel*)

Prayer and worship (*thanking, asking, listen, trusting Holy Spirit's direction*)

Loving & Knowing Jesus (*relating: needing, receiving, trusting, hearing & doing*)

Colossians 2:2-3 ...I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. 3 In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Philippians 3:10-11 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.



Challenge

Reflect on or memorize Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- What part of myself (*my will, my desires*) are not yielded to God?
- Talk to God about what He highlighted.
- Ask God what He is asking you to do right now.
- Do what says.



What God's will feels like...

Love for God and others **not** judgement

Humble **not** proud

Yield to **not** striving to get

God's presence **not** being in it alone

Grateful and hopeful **not** complaining or cynical

Freedom **not** conformity

Expectation **not** dread

Peace **not** fear (even if it is hard)

Good, right and fulfilling even if different from your desire or plan

