

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

"Your Will Be Done" (Matthew 6:10b)

## BIG QUESTION:

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What is God's Will?

### Outline

"Your Will" – God's decrees and desires

"Be Done" – Our deliverance and decisions

### Pre-Questions

1. When you hear the phrase "God's will," what comes to mind—comfort, confusion, or something else?
2. Have you ever faced a decision where you were trying to understand or follow God's will? What made that experience challenging or clear?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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### 1. READ MATTHEW 6:10B

Why do you think Jesus teaches us to pray for God's will to be done? How does this challenge our natural desire for control?

### 2. "YOUR WILL" – GOD'S DECREES AND DESIRES

God's will includes His sovereign decrees (what He ordains) and His revealed desires (how He wants us to live). How do these two aspects help us better understand how to pray "Your will be done"?

### 3. READ DEUTERONOMY 29:29

This verse speaks of the "secret things" belonging to God and the "revealed things" being for us to obey. How should this shape our trust and obedience?

### 4. READ ROMANS 12:2

Paul urges us to be transformed so we can discern God's will. How can spiritual renewal help us better understand and do God's will?

### 5. READ LUKE 22:42

In Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but yours be done." What does His example teach us about surrender, especially in times of suffering or confusion?

## 6. "BE DONE" - OUR DELIVERANCE AND DECISIONS

How does praying "Your will be done" shape how we make daily decisions? What might it mean to trust God with outcomes even when we don't see immediate results?

### Application

7. This week, identify one area of your life where you struggle to surrender to God's will. Each day, pray specifically that God's will would be done in that area—even if it's hard.
8. Take time to read Scripture daily and reflect on what God has revealed as His will for how you live—in your relationships, work, or thought life.
9. Talk with someone in your group about a current decision or situation where you want to obey God's will. Ask them to pray with you and encourage you.

### Closing

When you say, "Your will be done," are you offering God control or asking Him to bless your plans? What needs to change in your heart to truly pray this line with faith and surrender?

Where might God be calling you to greater trust, greater obedience, or deeper surrender today?

## **DAY 1: TRUSTING GOD'S SOVEREIGN WILL**

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Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 — “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

Reflection: We begin by recognizing that God's will is not just a mystery to uncover—it's an invitation to trust. Often, the hardest part of praying “Your will be done” is surrendering the control we crave. Yet Scripture assures us that as we trust Him, He faithfully directs our paths.

Prayer Prompt: Ask God to help you release your grip on your own plans today. Surrender any anxiety or confusion to Him, and ask Him to align your heart with His.

## **DAY 2: LIVING OUT GOD'S REVEALED WILL**

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Scripture: Micah 6:8 — “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Reflection: While parts of God's will remain hidden, much has been clearly revealed in Scripture. God calls us to lives marked by justice, kindness, and humility. When we struggle to discern His will in specific decisions, we can always begin with what we know: His desires for how we live.

Prayer Prompt: Reflect on how you're living in your relationships, work, and community. Where do you need to grow in justice, kindness, or humility?

## **DAY 3: RENEWING THE MIND TO DISCERN**

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Scripture: Colossians 1:9-10 — “We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will... bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

Reflection: Knowing God's will isn't a one-time discovery—it's a spiritual journey. As we grow in knowledge and bear fruit, we gain greater clarity. Paul shows us that prayer and pursuit go hand-in-hand with discernment.

Prayer Prompt: Ask God to fill you with wisdom and spiritual understanding today. What decision or situation do you need discernment for right now?

## **DAY 4: FOLLOWING JESUS IN SURRENDER**

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Scripture: Philippians 2:5-8 — "...he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Reflection: Jesus not only prayed "Your will be done"—He lived it. In surrendering to the Father, even when it meant suffering, He showed us the path of true obedience. His humility and submission challenge us to do the same.

Prayer Prompt: Where is God calling you to deeper surrender? Ask for strength to obey even when it's hard.

## **DAY 5: TRUSTING GOD WITH THE OUTCOMES**

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Scripture: Psalm 37:5-7 — "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act... Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."

Reflection: Trusting God's will isn't just about decisions—it's about outcomes. We often want immediate results, but God's timing rarely matches ours. This psalm encourages us to trust and wait with hope.

Prayer Prompt: Name an outcome you are anxious about. Commit it to the Lord and choose to rest in His timing and purpose.