

Knowing God's Will for Your Life

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Focus In order to know God's will for our lives, it is foundational for us to have a correct concept of God and who we are in Him and to also be surrendered to Him.

Open When you were a child, did your parents hope you would grow up to work in a specific field or occupation? What was it?

Read We *can* know God's will for our lives. Many people struggle to understand His will for them because they have a wrong concept of God, believing Him to be harsh or punishing when He actually intends to bless (Jeremiah 29:11). His will for us doesn't change based on how well or poorly we perform, nor does He revoke the gifts He's given us when we make mistakes (Romans 11:29). The Enemy uses the failures, sins and tragedies in our lives to get us to accuse God, and he taunts us so that we will agree with his accusations against God.

The Bible shows us what God's thoughts and intentions for us really are. He promises that we will find Him and His will when we diligently seek Him with a yielded heart (Jeremiah 29:13).

- Talk**
1. Why does understanding God's will for our lives begin with having a biblical concept of God? Why does an unbiblical concept of God make it impossible for us to know His will?
 2. The Devil works to distort our concept of God by using life's failures, difficulties, sins and tragedies to slander God's character. Name a time when the circumstances of life tempted you to believe something erroneous about the character and/or intentions of God towards you. (e.g., dealing with infertility may have made you question His goodness).

3. a. *"There will always be a disconnection between ourselves and God's will until we can thank Him for who we are"* (Pastor Jimmy Evans). Why is this?

b. Read Psalm 139:13–18. Which parts of this passage are easiest for you to believe? Most difficult? Why?
4. Jeremiah 29:13 says, *"And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."* Why does God reveal more and more to those who are fully yielded to Him?

Live

1. *"God loves you more than you love yourself, will bless you more than you'd bless yourself, and His will for you is better than yours"* (Pastor Jimmy Evans). In what area of your life is this most difficult for you to believe? Ask the Lord to bring scriptures to your mind that show the truth of His will and share them with the group to encourage one another.
2. Take a few minutes to ask the Lord whether or not there are any other lies about His character that you continue to believe or wrestle with. Either write down what comes to mind or share it with a partner and pray over these areas together.

Pray

Thank God for His goodness and intentions towards you. Thank Him that His will for you doesn't change based on your behavior. Repent for believing lies about His character, and ask Him to reveal the truth of His character to you in greater measure. Thank Him for who He's made you to be.