

Journey With Hope Series

Knowing And Doing The Will Of God Part II

1 Peter 4:1-11

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Thank you guys for a great job tonight. To know and do the will of God, that is the purpose of the Christian life. And the day you meet Jesus Christ, the one thing that begins to dominate your mind and heart and thought is how can I live my life for the will of God and yet for many believers that very thing that is at the center of living Christian life is a tripping point because we begin to get anxious and uncertain and insecure about whether or not we can know and can do the will of God. And so last week we started looking in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter chapter 4 at the subject of knowing and doing the will of God and I wanna go back there and because you didn't listen fast enough I only got 1 point of a 3 point message a..., delivered last week and so I'm gonna count on your right now to listen a little bit faster tonight than you did last week and we're gonna do our best to a..., cover a little bit more ground here in the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book...book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter. But it's so very important for us to understand and to entertain a..., discussion and though about the subject of knowing and doing the will of God. Because it is so very important for every believer and one of the truest signs that you have genuinely been saved, that your life has been changed is the fact that you have a desire to do the will of God and the wonderful thing about the will of God for your life is it really isn't something you have to find it's something that finds you when you begin to give control of your life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. That's what the Bible tells us here in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter chapter 4, verse 1. Peter says:

*<sup>1</sup>Therefore since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <sup>2</sup>that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lust of men, but...*

What does the rest of it say?

*...for the will of God.*

Jesus came and died that He might deliver us from what is natural to us because of sin and because of the fall. Every one of us have a bent toward sin. You don't have to teach people how to sin, sin is inbred into the

human nature because we have a fallen nature like our father Adam. But once we receive Jesus Christ we get a new nature and that new nature is to imprint us with the desire and with, as though it were, an initiative in life to want to know and to do the will of God. And so in the opening verses, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter chapter 4, verses 1 through 6, Peter talks to us about the subject of understanding that we are no longer living according to the old way of life, the lust of the flesh, the way we lived for so long. But now we are living our lives according to the will of God and we simply looked at those 1<sup>st</sup> 6 verses under this topic. Realize that the realm of God's will is life in a new dimension, realize the realm of God's will as life in a new dimension and in those 6 verses what Peter does is to contrast the old dimension of life in sin, life in bondage, life in the flesh to the new dimension of life, living according to the spirit. And last week when we innerdus...introduced the subject of living according to the spirit, a life that was no longer sin seeking and self driven but a life that was sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit we took time to talk about some of the confusion and some of the deception that goes on in the teaching of the person in the work of the Holy Spirit and so we took time to look at that and to talk about that last week and that's where we spent some extended time but ultimately came out of that discussion talking about living in the new realm of the Holy Spirit as being the way in which the Spirit of God would shape the will of God in you. So that was last week. But this week we're gonna pick up beginning in verse 7 and now we're gonna begin to make our progress toward the end of the chapter and I wanna read as though it were the next a..., 4 or 5 verses here and sorta set the tone for where we're going tonight in the will of God. And the Bible says here:

*But the end...*

Well, let's back up to the end of verse 6, he says:

*...live according to God in the spirit.*

This is the life of the spirit. Now what are the evidences, what are the a..., marks of a person w...who is walking in the spirit and therefore living according to the will of God. Well, he says here:

*<sup>7</sup>...the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your...*

What?

*...prayers. <sup>8</sup>And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each of you has received the gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup>If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to him belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever.*

And all the church said?

*Amen.*

He said, okay, we begin by realizing that the will of God is life in a new dimension. He said, but now I want you understand something else about knowing and doing the will of God and that is that we are to personalize God's will in the activities of our daily life. God's will isn't some sort of a mystical, ethereal thing that's way out there on the horizon that I need to try to find and seek and search and play hide and seek for. He said, instead, the will of God is something that I now want by the power of the Holy Spirit to let you personalize in your daily life. And you are to live out the will of God. It's not just a point, it's not just a place; though God's will may lead you to a point or a place. It is a principle that dominates, that controls your life every day and that whatever you are doing, wherever you're going, whoever you may be meeting, whatever you may be involved in. When you are living in the realm and the power of the Holy Spirit you are therefore personalizing the will of God and the activities of your daily life. And as you do these things you're life is giving evidence to the fact that you are living for the will of God.

I read about a lady who was at work and got a phone call. If you're parent you've probably gotten one of these phone calls before, that her daughter was sick, very sick, she had a high fever. So the lady just dropped everything that she was doing in work and she jumped in the car and on her way home she went to a pharmacy and thought maybe she could go in and, and get some type of a pain relief or something that maybe would help with fever and so she rushed into the pharmacy and when she came running back to her car with what she'd purchased she looked and realized that just in the scurry of the moment she'd locked her keys in the car. Have you ever locked your keys in your car? Well, she did. She pulled out her cell phone, called the babysitter at home and said, "Listen I have made a terrible a..., mistake, I've run into the pharmacy, I was tryin to get some pain relief, tryin to get something to help and I've locked my keys in the car and I don't know what to do." And so she was just lamenting all of this to the babysitter and, and the babysitter said, "Well, all I can tell you is that the fever is continuing to go up and just whatever you can do get here as quick as you can." She said, "You know, my dad has sometimes been able to take a coat hanger and to open the door of the car." Well, she hung up the phone and she thought where in the world am I gonna find a coat hanger? And she looked around and surely enough over on the side of the parkin lot there was an old rusty coat hanger that look like it'd just been thrown out of the car or thrown out on the ground and she went over and got that coat hanger and she got back and she got up to the car and she thought I don't know what to do with a coat hanger. And she was so frustrated. Have you ever had a moment like that where you're just tryin to do somethin that mattered and was important and you were frustrated? And she was frustrated and she bowed her head and she said, "God help me! God just send somebody who can help me to open this car." And I mean it was just within minutes she looked up and this old rusty car pulled in next to her and I mean this guy who had long hair and a several day old

beard, kinda just scraggly lookin, got out of the car, he had a, a bandana on his head that had a skull on the top of it. She though, God is this who you sent? [pause for congregation laughter] But she didn't say that. She looked at the guy and she said, "Sir, could you please help me?" She said, "I came, I got a call that my daughter was sick, I stopped at the pharmacy, I had to get some medicine for my daughter and I locked my keys in the car and do you have any idea how to take this coat hanger and to help me." And he said, "Mamma I'll be glad to help you." He walked over to the car and I mean, just like he had a key, he slid that down in there, popped it out, opened the door and she just almost began to cry, she said, "Thank you, thank you, I, I can't believe you did that." She said, "You are such a nice man." He looked at her and he said, "Lady, I'm not a nice man." He said, "In fact I just got out of prison today. I spent the last 3 years of my life in prison for stealing cars." [pause for congregation laughter] But as soon as he said it she just burst into tears and she said, "Oh thank you!" And she hugged him and she said, "God You sent me a professional." [pause for congregation laughter] The will of God in your daily life... < turn tape > ...activities, God is there, God is working and God is working in you and God is working through you and what Peter is saying to you and to me is please understand that the will of God is something that's lived out everyday, each day in the time and the season of life in which your living. You see, Peter was a roughhewn old fisherman. He was a guy who knew a lot about nets. He was a guy who kinda knew how to do things in a pattern, 1, 2, 3 and so that's exactly what he did here. He talked about the will of God, living according to the will of God. That's what he's, he's framed this whole discussion in and now he says

*...be watchful the end of times and things is near so be serious and be watchful in your prayers.*

And this is what he's saying in these verses, he saying, the will of God in my life is number 1, **EXPOSED IN THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER**. When I am a man and you are a man or a woman who gives your life daily to the discipline and to the devotion of prayer, what you are doing is that you are demonstrating the commitment of your heart to know when to do the will of God. You see prayer is surrender. Prayer is an expression of dependence and what prayer is every day and every hour is an acknowledgment that I need God, I need His guidance, I need His grace. God help me in life. Prayer is an act of dependence and whenever I pray I am expressing the fact that what matters to me in life is not to be a self driven, self seeking man but the desire of my heart is to be a God pleasing man. Prayer is what puts life in the right perspective. Prayer is what gives me discernment. ~~What mak...~~ it's that which makes me sensitive, it's that which makes me able to face the challenges and the uncertainties of these days and times in which we're living. It's prayer that gives me a distance from the world and all of it's thinking and gives me the ability to commune with God and therefore to be controlled by God in all things. And that's exactly what Peter is saying. Is that if you personalize the will of God in the activities of your daily life when you commit yourself regularly to the experience and to the exercise of prayer. Now I think if anybody knew

that, Peter knew that, because all you have to do is go back to the gospel of Mark, chapter 14, I'm not gonna turn there tonight, but Mark chapter 14 and you remember that there was a scene where Jesus took the disciples out of the Upper Room through the Kidron Valley over to the Garden of Gethsemane and you remember what He said to the 3 disciples that He took the furthest into the garden with Him? He looked at em and He said,

*"Watch and pray."*

Do you remember what Peter did? Peter slept. Peter and those other disciples slept as they were there in the garden that night and within hours of that sleepy evening Peter did something he never dreamed that he was capable of doing and that was that he denied the Lord 3 times. Do you not think that when Peter said...

*"Watch and pray. Be watchful in your prayer."*

Do you not think that didn't have an incredibly personal statement of testimony in it? It was so powerful He was saying, listen I've been there and I know that the will of God was missed in my life when I needed to pray and I didn't pray and I thought I could do it on my own and I told Jesus that everybody may deny Him but I'd never deny Him and I did the very thing that I didn't wanna do and he said therefore I've now realized that the will of God in my life is something that is exposed in the priority of my prayer life because when I pray I am knowing and doing the will of God, I am seeking Him and the strength of my life and the help of my life is as I depend upon the Lord day by day in prayer. Prayer is a part of the will of God for your life.

Let's look at the second thing that he says. He says then in verse 8:

*<sup>8</sup>And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." <sup>9</sup>And be hospitable to one another...*

You see that repetition of one another in verse 8 and then in verse 9?

*...without grumbling.*

He's talking about our relationships with each other and if there's anywhere that we are to demonstrate the will of God in life it's not only to be that which is exposed in the priority of prayer but the will of God in my life is **EVIDENCED IN THE INTENSITY OF MY LOVE FOR FELLOW BELIEVERS**. It is evidenced in the intensity of my love for fellow believers. We all know that it's possible in a relationship to be hot or to be cold, to be fervent or to be placid. Peter said, it is God's will for you that as you live your life, you live your life with a fervent love, with an intensity of love, with a love that's not looking for everything that's wrong but a love that is looking to do what is best and right for others and that's why he says:

*...love...covers a multitude of sins...*

He's not talking here about an emotional feeling, he's talking about a dedicated will and he's talking about a will that is submitted and surrendered to seek what is best for others and to constantly intensify that love for others and he's not saying, please hear me, he's not saying that to love others is to love and to never have a conflict. I'm afraid far too many times in the church we have the idea every time we read the words, love one another, that that means you're never supposed to have a conflict with anybody. The reality of life is you're gonna have conflicts with people, I'm gonna have conflicts with people. You may have a conflict with me tonight and if you do I'll be here, you can come and apologize at the close of the service [pause for slight congregation laughter] and, and that'll be fine. But you see we can have conflicts with each other. Love is not the absence of conflict, it is the presence of a spirit of reconciliation and a spirit that says I want to be right with my brothers and sisters in Christ. It's the desire to perform whatever it takes to bring reconciliation and that's why he says love covers a multitude of evils. Now when he says love covers a multitude of evils he's not meaning, he's not saying at this point that love overlooks things that are wrong. Because the Bible clearly says in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter 13 that:

*Love does not rejoice in iniquity.*

It is not loving to let someone do something that is harmful, sinful and disobedient and to just overlook it. That's where we're called to a fervent love, a responsible love that is hot and that directs itself to trying to make right what is wrong. But he's clearly saying in this passage of Scripture that a part of the focus of my life and of your life as an obedient follower of Christ is that we are people who not only expose the will of God through the priority of prayer but people who express it through the intensity and who evidence it through the intensity of love. Proverbs 10, verse 12 says:

*Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers a multitude of sins.*

And that's what he's talking about here. There's a 3<sup>rd</sup> aspect to the will of God in my life and that is that it is **EXPRESSED IN THE ACTIVITY OF MY GIFTS**. It is expressed in the activity of my gifts. Now think about what we're saying here tonight. Let's just back up and review it. The will of God in my life, personalized in my daily activities is number one, exposed in the priority of my prayer, it is evidenced in the intensity of my love and then it is expressed in the activity of my gifts. The will of God in my life is not something that is academic, it's not something that I put on a piece of paper and say, I know the will of God. The will of God in my life is something that is active, not academic, but active and engaged and it's a part of me living my life according to the strengths and abilities that God has supplied, so that now my life is being lived and being fulfilled for His purpose and His plan. And therefore God's will for my life is that as a follower of Christ I am an engaged servant of Jesus Christ. Just as I'm engaged in prayer, just as I am demonstrating and evidencing love, I am now expressing the will of God in my life through

the exercise of my spiritual gifts and my gifts are a stewardship to which I worship God and fulfill His purpose. That's what He's saying here beginning in verse 10:

<sup>10</sup>As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup>And if anyone speaks, let him speak the oracles of God. And if anyone ministers, let him do it with the ability with which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Living God's will through the service of your gifts. That's what the Christian life is about. Let's back up a minute from the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter and just mentally flip back to Ephesians chapter 2 beginning in verse 8. One of the greatest statements about what salvation is and what salvation is not. The Bible says:

*For by grace you have been saved through...*

What? Okay now let's back up, let's be sure we got it. It's by...okay let's everybody together, 1 – 2 – 3 by [grace] through [faith] okay, but don't ever mess that up. It's by grace, all of God's grace, what He has done for us in the person of Jesus Christ. It is a gift. Salvation is a gift, only available because God has provided it. The way that I receive it is through faith. That's the way that I receive any gift. Whenever somebody gives me a box with a ribbon on it and says this is for you, by faith I take it believing number 1, that it is for me and number 2, that when I open it I'm gonna be glad that I received it. I'm not gonna open that gift thinking well maybe this is an empty box and they're just tryin to fool me and I gotta go do somethin to earn this gift. No I receive the gift by grace through faith... [pause for congregation laughter] It's not a very flattering shot either is it? Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you've been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for...

What?

*...good works...*

*...for good works, which God prepar...prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

Now listen to this. It is by grace. It is through faith. It is for or unto good works. Good works will not save you or take you to heaven but good works are the expression of the grace of God and the reality of your faith and therefore the will of God is fulfilled in my life not only through prayer and through love but through the exercise of my gifts, serving the Lord Jesus Christ. And every believer who is a part of the ministry and the membership known as Prestonwood is to be active and engaged in the use

of their spiritual gifts for ministry. God has empowered you with that gift. Do not withhold that gift from the body of Christ. How many times do people say, oh my goodness that's such a big church, they got so many different things, big buildings and big budgets and a big staff and they don't need anything. My goodness, what are you thinking? The bigger we are the bigger the needs. We just got a lot more people to take care of. And we just need a whole lot more people to help us. Do you have any idea how many people it takes just to open that preschool and children's building on Sunday morning? If I'm not mistaken it takes us over 5, Mike help me, 6 or 7 hundred people. I knew he'd go higher than I would so I thought that was good; [laughter] 6 or 7 hundred people. And you think about that. Think about the average church in America, the average church in America is somewhere between a hundred and a hundred and fifty people and we have to have 600 just to open the children's wing of the church on Sunday. But thank God for people who've seen that and who have embraced that and who have understood that to be a part of their service because they're doing that to fulfill a part of the will of God in their daily life. That's not all there is but that's part of it and that needs to be true of every single person who's a part of this fellowship because we are here by grace, through faith, unto or for good works which God has ordained that we should walk in them. Now the whole idea of God ordaining is the idea of God determining, God shaping us according to His will. And recently I've been reading a book that is a very popular book across the United States right now. In fact it's been on the *New York Times Bestseller List*, it's called *The Purpose Driven Life*. It's written by a pastor, by the name of Rick Warren, Saddleback Valley Community Church in Southern California and Rick has been a wonderful leader and teacher but he's written this wonderful book on the subject of the Christian life and it's broken into 40 different chapters or parts that you read one a day for 40 days to sort of challenge and strengthen your life, but in that book he talks specifically about the fact that God has given every one of us a shape and that shape is how God wants to minister in and through my life and so he uses the word shape, S-H-A-P-E so it shouldn't surprise you that I liked the fact that he uses S-H-A-P-E, those of you who have heard me speak, as an acrostic to help us to understand, what is my shape? And I wanna just take a minute and give you that tonight. He says that is you wanna know your shape spiritually for how you are to be a minister for Jesus Christ. He says number one..

**S** is your spiritual gift. You do have a God given ability, one identified in the Scripture that God has distributed of His own accord to each of those who become children of His kingdom. These spiritual gifts are described in Romans chapter 12, you can read about them in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter 12 and then leadership gifts, to the leadership of the church in Ephesians chapter 4. Those are the 3 great chapters in the Bible on the subject of spiritual gifts. But some people have the gift of exhortation, the ability to encourage others, others have a spiritual gift of giving and they supply the needs that others have. Some have the gift of mercy and they're like the band-aids of the body of Christ. Some have the gift of prophecy and they're like garlic but they sure do help to add flavor and texture in life to the body of Christ. And the spiritual gifts



are seen and are established and are woven in Scripture and God has given you a spiritual gift. But not only has God given you a spiritual gift and that helps you to determine your shape, there's something else that God has given you and that is God has given you...

**H**ear. If we were to go up and down the aisles of this congregation tonight we would learn that, that each of us had a different thing on our heart that matters in ministry. And it is that heart, that burden that desire, that interest, that ambition that is a part of the uniqueness of how God has shaped you and God uses, not only the gift that He's given to you but the heart that He's given to you for ministry to help to make the church of Christ whole hearted and that we would have a heart that would accomplish many different things. Have you ever heard somebody say, you know what's on my heart? That's what they're telling you, they're telling you their heart for ministry and we each have a different feel, as though it were, in our heart for ministry. Some want to be a part of ministries of compassion, others wanna be about...a part of ministries of education and equipping. Some want to be a part of ministries of, of helps and service. There've been a whole group of servants who have helped tonight. In fact, if you are one of our host and greeters who come on Wednesday nights and help us just to warm this place up as we all stagger in wearily from a long day of work, I want you to stand up. How many of our hosts are here tonight? Bill, you're here, boy you had a big job tonight didn't you? [pause for congregation laughter] Remind me not to do that again. That's why you didn't get a greeting tonight. [David laughs] Do we need to meet afterwards, I mean, [pause for congregation laughter] honestly this has been one of our most faithful groups of people here. It must of just been a bad night for everybody at once, huh? But hey, I will tell you that Bill and Pam Borenstein have led a whole team of people to be here and to help. Now let me ask you this, do we have any prayer people here tonight, prayer partners? How bout some of my prayer partners are you here? This may even get more embarrassing. All right, some of...will you all stand up? I don't want you to lift your hand, stand up I want everybody to see who you are. All right, we've got some prayer partners scattered all around and they get together even before this service and pray for this service and then make themselves available to pray with people who have needs on Wednesday night and that's a part of their ministry here and they're using something that is on their heart, the ministry of prayer. They believe that a church that's made...that, that is powerful as a church that is praying. Now the other group I guess they think it's good to have a friendly church but you are a, a do it yourself tonight. So anyway, a..., just the same, you guys can be seated. But there are people who are part...how many people in here serve in the children's ministry, once a month, once a week, once a whenever? You stand up if you're in the children's ministry. I wanna see you tonight. Look at all these, this is part of that 600 and something people. [applause] That's good, thank you for encouraging them and thank you guys. How bout Bible Fellowship, beyond children's ministry, other Bible Fellowship people we've got tonight? Some of you serve in the Bible Fellowship, you're a director, you're a teacher, you're an outreach leader, you're a whatever coordinator. See look at all this, see this is another part [applause] of the core and the operation of

the ministry of the church. What about ushers on Sunday, parking attendants, do we have people who do those things, who have a heart for helpin people with logistics and to get in place? Okay, we've got this group as well. Thank you guys, many of you standing. And then we've got deacons and we've got women's ministry and we've got missions and we've got, well see I'm already in trouble because I can't go through all these. But, I, well I was, you know, kinda stood up the 1<sup>st</sup> time I thought maybe I'd at least show we do have some people who have a heart for ministry [congregation laughter] here tonight. I just wanted to make my point. So, heart, and many of you do what you do because you have a heart to do it. You have a spiritual gift, you have a heart.

**A**bility, abilities are the talents, the advantages that God has given to me. There are a whole group of people behind us tonight in the choir room who are vocally and instrumentally practicing music because they have an ability, it's not a spiritual gift, but it's a natural talent, and ability that God has given to them in the area of music. But they're now bringing spiritual gift and the heart that they have for worship and the abilities that God has given them together so that that can begin to create the shape of who they are and they do what they can do because God has given them the ability to do it. And so our abilities make up our shape. And then our...

**P**ersonalities, we all have different personalities and here's the greatest thing you'll ever learn, God uses different personalities. You don't have to be an expressive personality. You can be a very subdued personality and you may be boring to the glory of God but God can use you. [pause for congregation laughter] And it's okay, it's how God made you. And God has made some of us thinkers and God has made some of us feelers and God has made some of us talkers and God has made some of us doers, but He takes the thinkers and the feelers and the talkers and the doers and the whole mix of everything in between and our personalities and He uses us for His glory. And then God uses our...

**E**xperiences. A big part of the ministry of your life is the experience of your life with God. To whom much is given, much is required, that's stewardship. But to him or to her, through whom much has been delivered, God will use greatly to deliver others. If you've been forgiven great sins, you'll be of great ministry to people who have great guilt over their sin. If you've been through a painful experience in life, the death of a loved one, a battle with cancer, a loss of a child, a rebellious child, a broken marriage, do you think God wastes all those things in our lives? Do you think God lets us go through those things and then they're just bad marks on the report card of life, that every now and then we have to pull out and show somebody that we've had this trauma, this tragedy, this injury? No! He takes it and He pours His grace on it in our lives and then God uses that experience in life, whatever that experience may be, to magnify His grace and glory in you because that's exactly what it says, that;

*God may be glorified through Jesus Christ to whom belongs glory and*

*dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

It's what He does, it's how He works, it's what He accomplishes and your shape, your spiritual gifts, your heart, your abilities, your personality and yes experiences, the good ones and the bad ones, God takes and weaves together to fulfill His will for you in your daily life. You see so many of us feel like we just gotta run and chase and we gotta find the will of God. But the amazing thing is, is when you just live out the shape of who you are and what you are in Christ, you're just like a moving vehicle and you know I did start driving early enough to know the difference between cars that had power steering and cars that didn't. And one thing I learned about the car that didn't have the power steering is it sure was a lot easier to steer when it was moving. And I'm telling you when you're just moving in life and serving Christ and letting God pour His grace out on the things that you're going through in your daily life and you're meeting em with prayer and meeting em with love and seeing whatever platform you have is a platform of service, then ultimately you are knowing and doing the will of God in your life today. And that's what the Christian life is about, knowing and doing the will of God. That's point 2! It had a few sub-points, but that's point 2. And we've still got 3 and 4 to go. But I pray that tonight that you've gained a greater understanding of un...of knowing that the will of God is life in a new dimension as we talked about last week, it's the spirit realm. But it's also in the very practical day in and day out experiences of life and God wants to fulfill His will in you; in your prayer life, in your love life, in your service as you discover your shape and live out that shape for the glory of God. I hope tonight that you know Christ and that you're living your life for a purpose that matters. There's nothing worse then succeeding in life and failing to have a real purpose. Frankly you can have everything else that this world has to give, but until you have Christ you don't have a center point and it's in knowing Christ and beginning to discover His will and plan for your life that your life gets centered.