INTRODUCTION

A. Rick Warren’s book, “A Purpose Driven Life”, says we have five purposes for living.

1. We were planned for God’s pleasure.
2. We were formed for God’s family.
3. We were created to become like Christ.
4. We were shaped for serving God.
5. We were made for a mission.

B. Jesus wouldn’t disagree with Warren’s statement, however, Jesus would add that all five purposes are designed for one reason, so we can know God—John 17:3.

I. WHAT WILL WE COME TO KNOW ABOUT GOD THROUGH EXPERIENCE?

A. First, we will discover that God’s nature is love—I John 4:16 & Hebrews 12:6

   1 John 4:16
   ......God is love......

   Hebrews 12:6
   ....the Lord disciplines the one he loves....

B. Second, we will discover that God’s nature is all knowing, therefore his directions for our life are always right—Jer. 29:11.

C. Third, we will discover that God’s nature is all powerful, therefore He can enable you to accomplish His will—Isa. 46:10-11.

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   ......What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.
II. HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT GOD’S WILL IS?

A. The wrong way to discover God’s will is to ask, “What is God’s will for my life?” The right question, rather, is to ask, what is God’s will?

B. Knowing God’s will takes time.

C. Knowing God’s will comes a little at a time.

D. Doing God’s will requires that we be His servant—Jer. 18:1-6, Phil. 2:13 & James 5:17-18.

III. HOW CAN WE EXPERIENCE GOD ON A DAILY BASIS TO DISCOVER HIS WILL?

A. Henry Blackaby says through what he calls, “The Seven Realities of Experiencing God (recite them).

1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
5. God’s invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.

B. The purpose of these seven realities is to help us…..

1. Hear when God is speaking to us.
2. Clearly identify the activity of God in our life.
3. Believe God to be and do everything He promises.
4. Adjust our beliefs, character, and behavior to God and His ways.
5. See a direction that He is taking in our lives and what He wants to do through our lives.
6. Clearly know what we need to do in response to His activity in our lives.
7. Experience God doing through us what only God can do.