

How to Make Good Choices: Discovering God's Will for Life's Decisions.



Sundays in July 2026

What do we mean when
we say,
“God’s will?”



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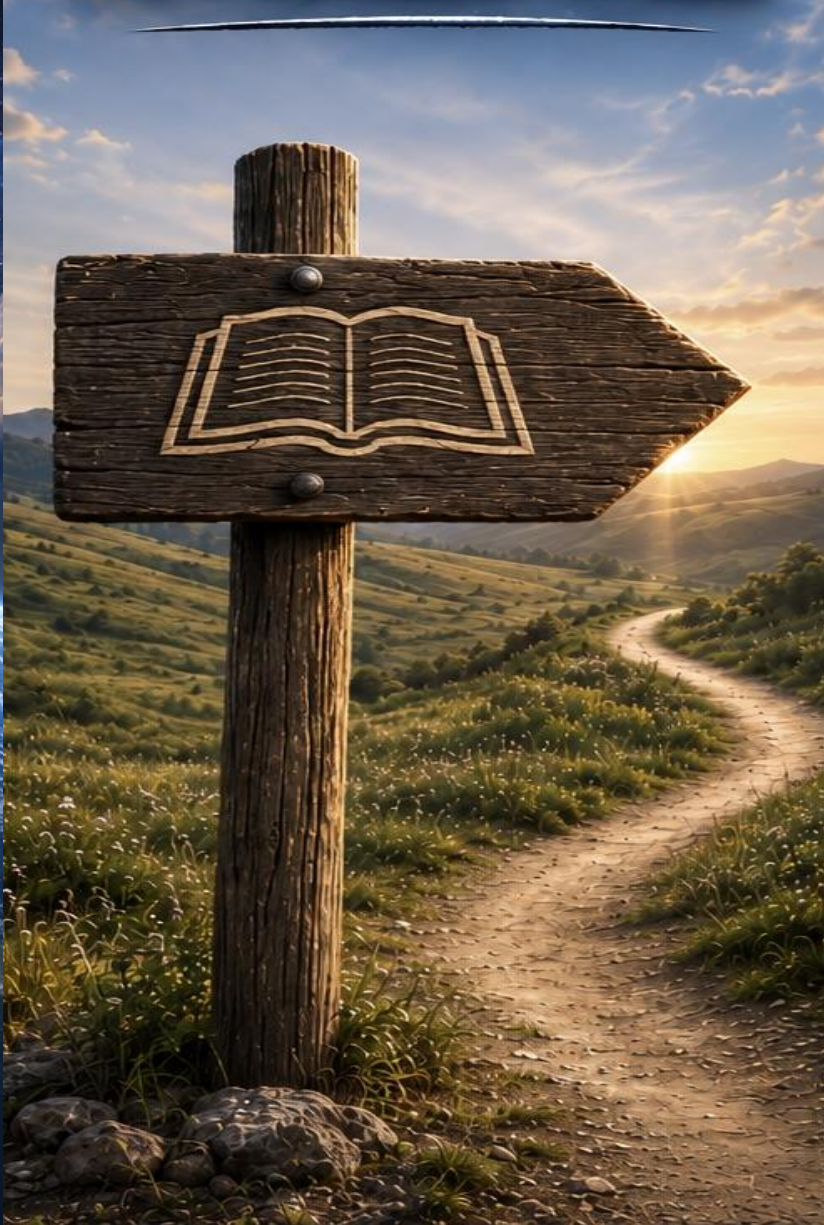


“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, so that we may follow all the words of this Law.

GOD'S SOVEREIGN WILL



GOD'S REVEALED WILL



GOD'S MORAL WILL





Ways people often misuse Scripture for decisions



God audibly spoke to and through Saints & Prophets

Like Elijah

1 Kings 19:12-13 –

¹² And after the earthquake, a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire; and after the fire, a sound of a gentle blowing. ¹³ When Elijah heard *it*, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice *came* to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

Casting Lots

Last time used in
Scripture was
Acts 1:26 by the
disciples choosing
Matthais to
replace Judas





Dreams

Daniel 7

Signs

Moses





A FLEECE

God told Gideon go up against Midian, I have given them into your hand.

He knew this was God's will, but he wanted a sign.



Having peace about it
Based on emotions
Jonah asleep in the
boat



Tarshish

Nineveh

2500 miles

550 miles

Joppa



Open Door

Paul was looking
for a gospel
opportunity

An open door still
requires a
decision



Open Door

David finding Saul in the cave.

good decision





Open Door

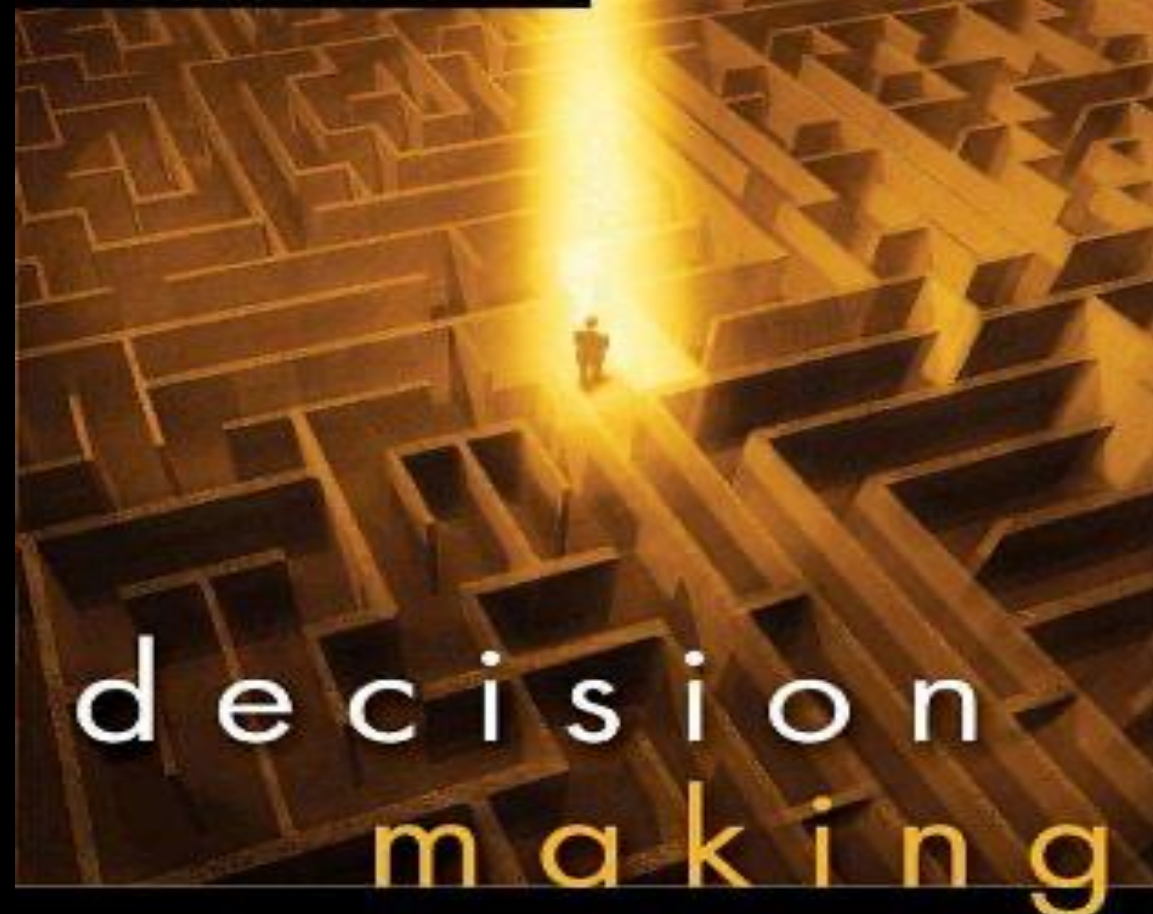
David seeing Bathsheba

bad decision



Is there only ONE choice
we can make that is at
the center of God's will?

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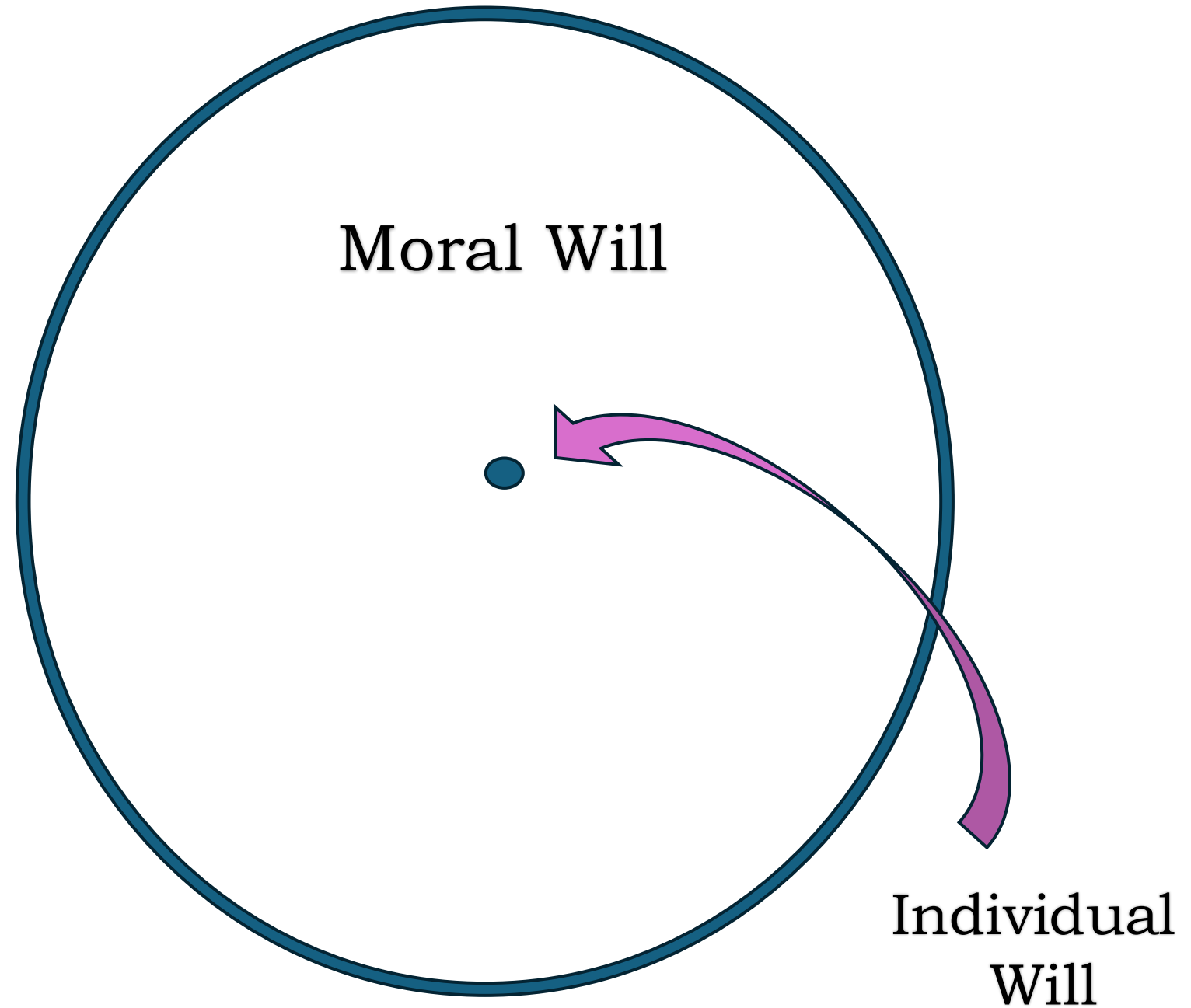


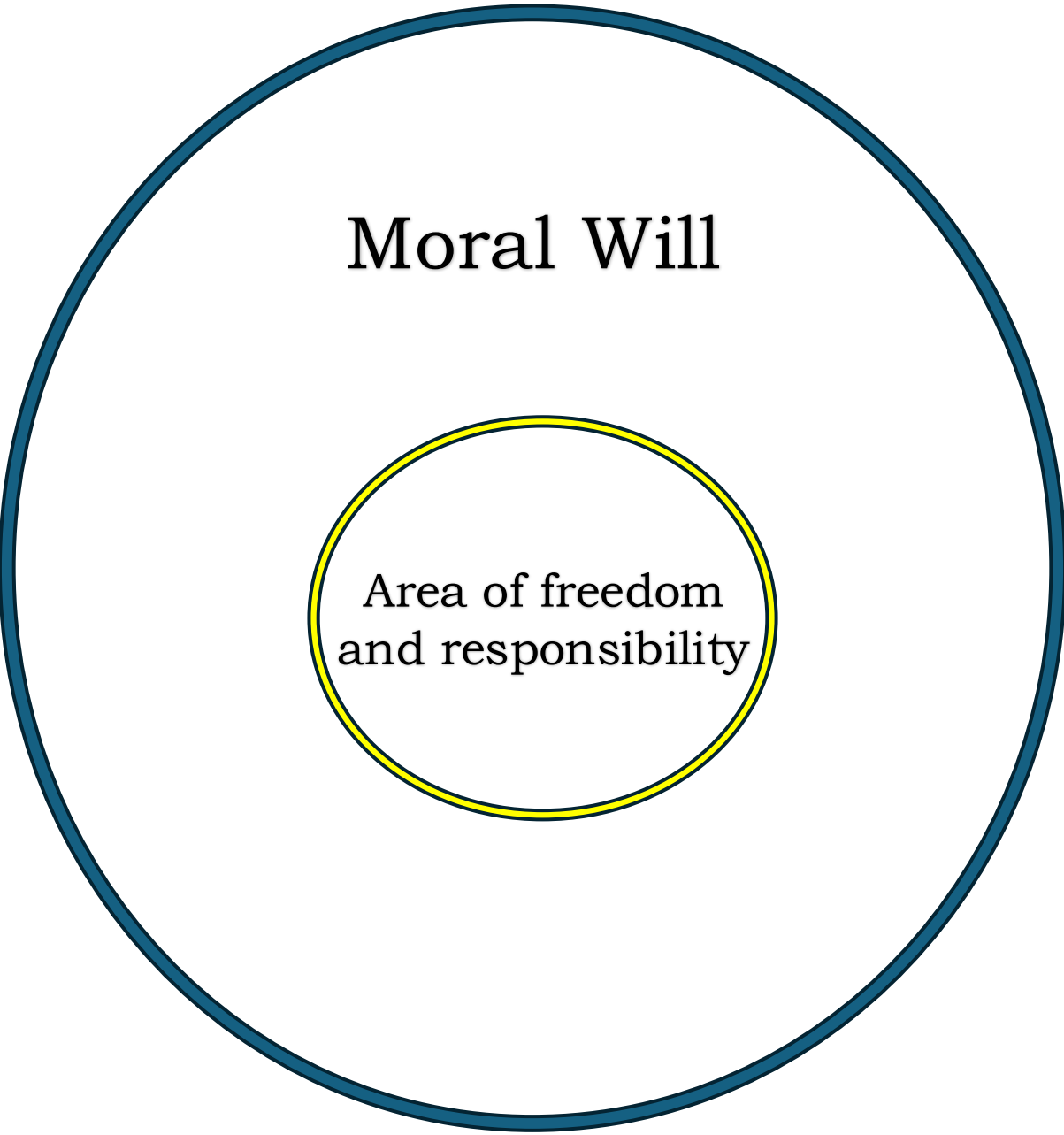
decision making

and the

WILL OF GOD

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Moral Will

Area of freedom
and responsibility

JUST DO SOMETHING

A LIBERATING APPROACH TO FINDING GOD'S WILL

***** OR *****

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passages on
God's will



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That we know God's
Word

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed
to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing
of your mind, so that you
may prove what the will of
God is, that which is good
and acceptable and perfect.

That we live holy, pure lives



1 Thessalonians 4:3

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is, that*
you abstain from sexual immorality”



That we are joyful

1 Thessalonians 5:16

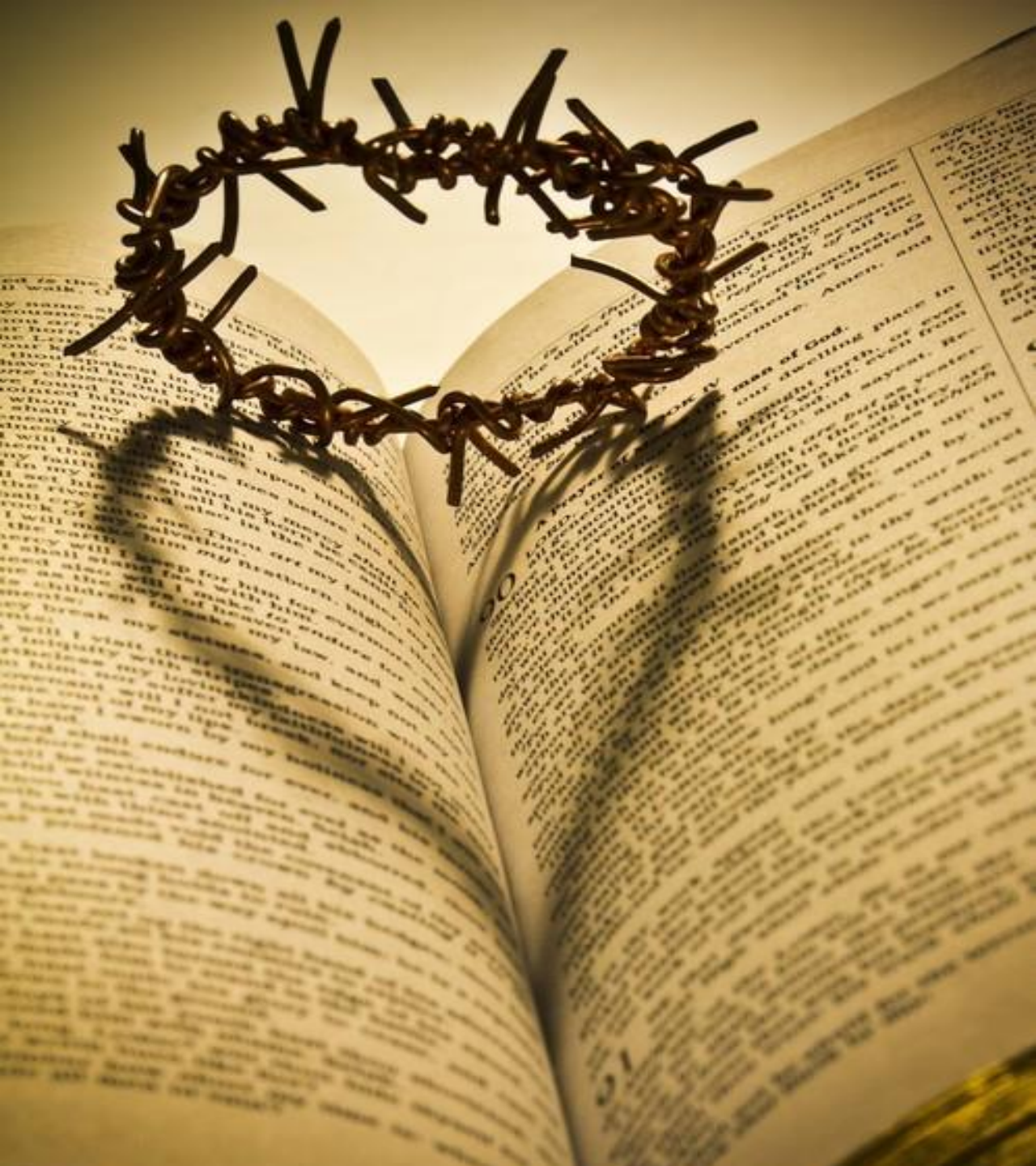
"Rejoice always..."

That we pray faithfully

1 Thessalonians 5:17

“Pray without ceasing...”





That we are thankful

1 Thessalonians 5:18

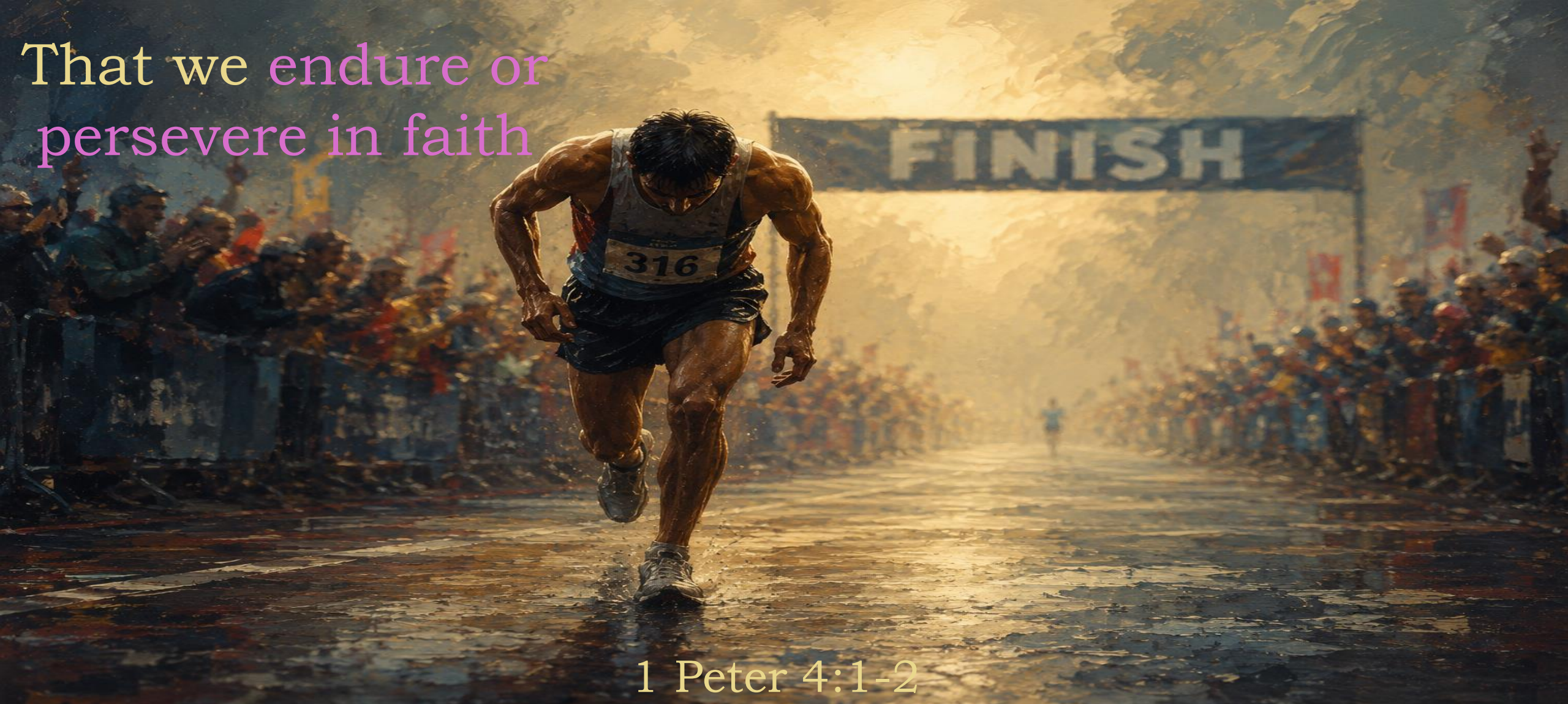
“... in everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God for
you in Christ Jesus.”

That we walk in the Spirit



Ephesians 5:15-17

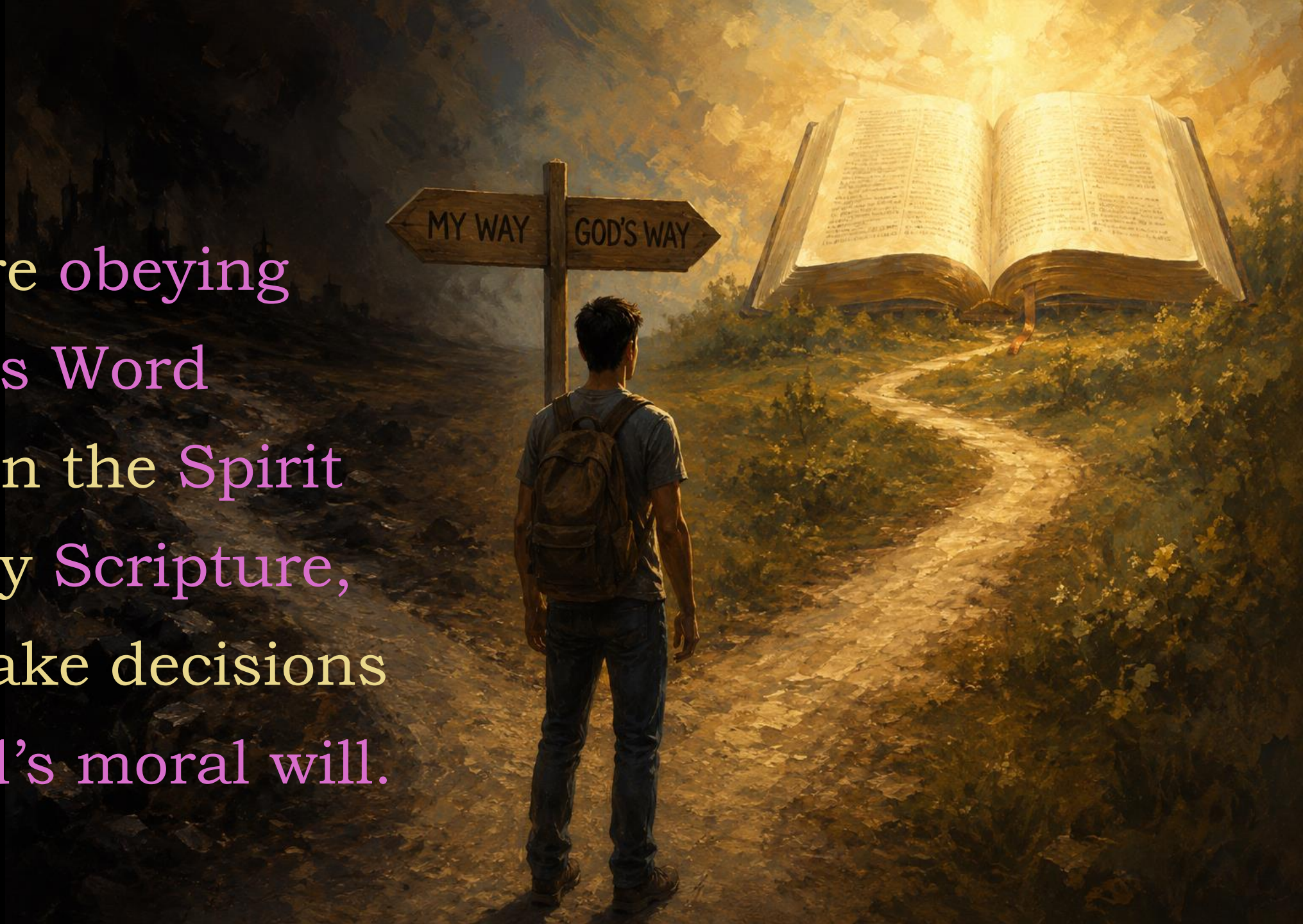
“So then, be careful how you walk, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is.”



1 Peter 4:1-2

Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because the one who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from, sin, ² so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human lusts, but for the will of God.

If we are obeying
God's Word
walking in the Spirit
guided by Scripture,
we will make decisions
within God's moral will.



FOUND: GOD'S WILL

FIND THE DIRECTION
AND PURPOSE GOD WANTS
FOR YOUR LIFE



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If you are:

Saved

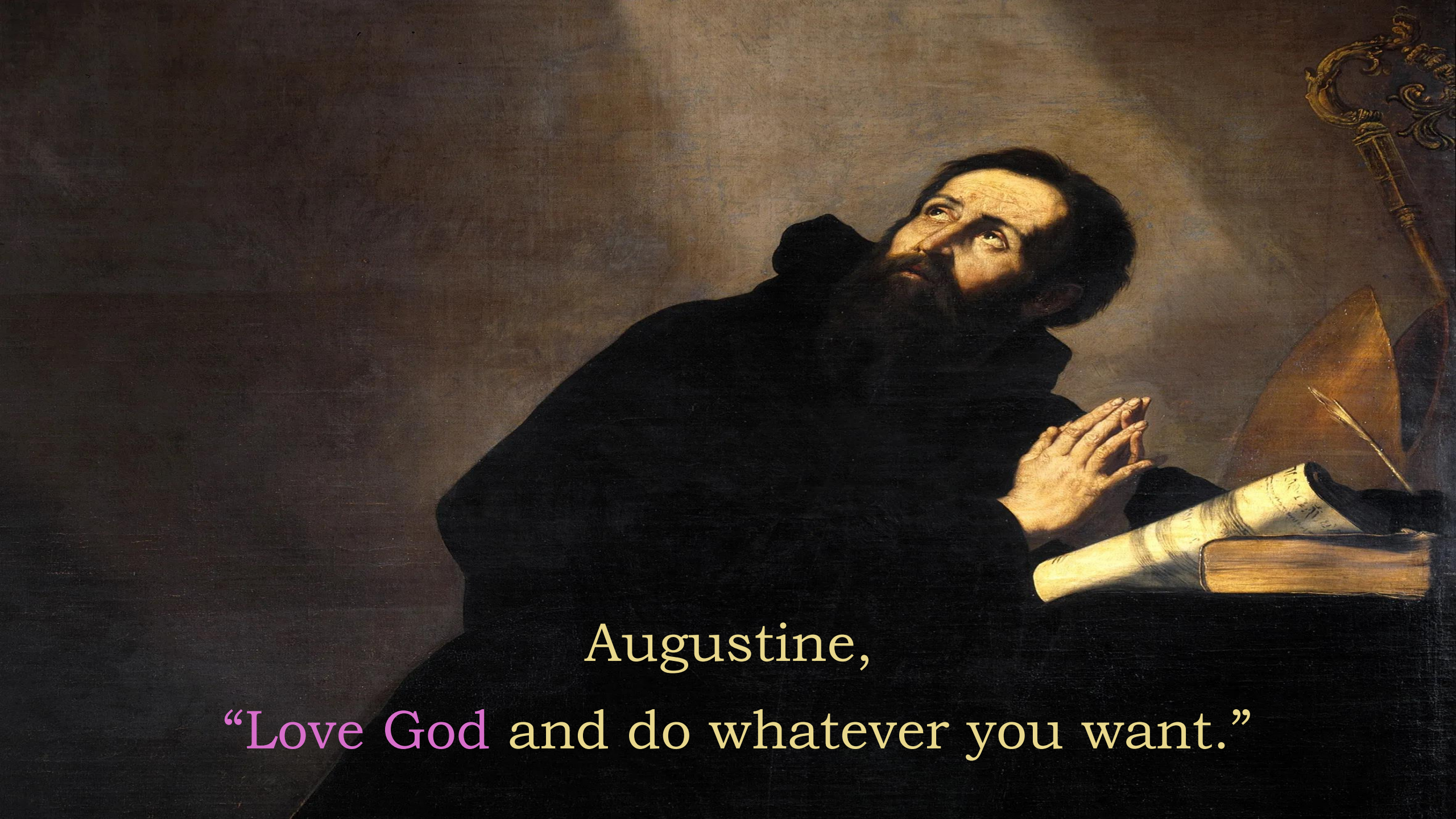
Spirit-filled

Sanctified

Submissive

Suffering

Dr. MacArthur says;
“Do whatever you want!”



Augustine,
“Love God and do whatever you want.”



What about those non moral decisions?

Does the Bible give us help with those decisions?



Will it be spiritually profitable?

1 Corinthians 6:12a

"All things are lawful for me,"
but not all things are profitable.



Will it be to my spiritual advantage?



Will it build me up?

1 Corinthians 10:23

"All things are lawful," but not all things are
profitable. "All things are lawful," but not all
things build up.

Will it build me up?

1 Corinthians 9:25-27

Everyone who competes in the games, exercises self-control in all things. They *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

Therefore, I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

Will it or could it slow me down in the race?



Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”



Laying aside this encumbrance would allow you to run **FASTER!**



This is not **sin**,
but anything that **slows**
you down.

Don't engage in activities
that will **redirect your**
priorities.

Ask yourself, do I need
this? Will it become a
burden?

**Does this have the potential to
dominate me?**

1 Corinthians 6:12b

"All things are lawful for me," but I
will not be enslaved or mastered by
anything."





Will this **hypocritically cover my sin?**

1 Peter 2:15-16

For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil but use it as bondslaves of God.

Don't use your liberty to **cover up the sin.**

Don't diminish your **testimony.**



Will it cause your brother to stumble?

1 Corinthians 8:9-11



But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? For through your knowledge, he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died.

A blue wall with a red rectangular sign at the top. The sign has the word 'STUMBLE?' in white, stylized, hand-painted letters. From the bottom of the frame, a person's legs are sticking out. The person is wearing dark blue pants and white sneakers. The right leg is extended upwards, with the foot touching the bottom edge of the red sign. The left leg is also extended upwards, with the foot touching the left edge of the red sign. The person's hands are also visible, reaching up towards the sign.

STUMBLE?

**Don't force people to
violate their sense of
conscience.**



Will it set the best example to others?

Romans 14:20

Do not tear down the work
of God for the sake of food.

All things indeed are clean,
but they are evil for the man
who eats and gives offense.





Will it help me lead others to Christ?

Will it help me be more Christ-like?



Romans 6

Will it exalt Christ?

1 Corinthians 10:31

“... whatever you do,
do all things for the
glory of God.”



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