

# SERMON NOTES

June 15 & 16, 2024

## Would You Rather?: Knowing God's Will

1. God's will is less about \_\_\_\_\_ and more about \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Understanding God's Will:

a. God cares about \_\_\_\_\_.

**I Thessalonians 4:3**

Sanctified – Hagios (Greek) – \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_

b. God's will is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 16:2 | Jeremiah 17:9 | Matthew 15:8**

**I Corinthians 13:1-3**

3. **My problem:** It is almost impossible to arrive at the \_\_\_\_\_ when I start with the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 139:23**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ who before do and why before what, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ God's will for my life.

**Matthew 6:33**

5. When I get the who right, \_\_\_\_\_.

When I get the why right, \_\_\_\_\_.

6. If \_\_\_\_\_ the right who, God will \_\_\_\_\_ the right do. **Proverbs 19:9**

# Life Steps

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## Monday

**I Kings 3:10-14**

**Reflect:** Solomon chose to ask for wisdom, and God gave him so much more. For good or for ill, how have you experienced the truth of this statement? "The quality of our choices will determine the quality of our lives."

**Prayer:** Generous God, please give me wisdom so I might make quality day-to-day choices.

## Tuesday

**I Thessalonians 4:3**

**Reflect:** God cares about who before do. Before the message last weekend, what was your understanding of "God's will?" What would it look like for you to move towards a "sanctified" or "holy life?" Where do you most need to grow as a person?

**Prayer:** God, help me to become who you designed and created me to be.

## Wednesday

**Proverbs 16:2 | Jeremiah 17:9-10**

**Reflect:** God's will is why before what. Motives matter to God. If God were to examine what you are currently thinking and feeling about key decisions you are facing, what might God note about your motives?

**Prayer:** Search me, God, and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23)

## Thursday

**Matthew 15:1-11**

**Reflect:** God's will is why before what. The Pharisees were smart, students of the scriptures, generous, followed the rules, were crystal clear on their religious doctrine and yet Jesus still had a strong word for them. Why? How does verse 11 apply to you?

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## Friday

**I Corinthians 13:1-3**

**Reflect:** Paul describes some pretty impressive gifts and accomplishments but says they are worthless if the motive, the why, is wrong. Consider again some of the key decisions you are facing, what are your real motives?

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## Saturday

**Matthew 6:25-34**

**Reflect:** As you think about your future, what are you most concerned about? Or, what looming decisions feel the weightiest? Why? What is your response to this statement? "When I prioritize who before do and why before what, I cannot mess up God's will for my life."

**Prayer:** God, in all my interactions and decisions, show me how I can demonstrate on earth what you are doing in heaven.

## Sunday

**Proverbs 19:9**

**Reflect:** How does this verse give you hope? What is your response to this statement?

"When I am being shaped into the image of Jesus, I don't have to worry about the future."

**Prayer:** God, help me to be faithful today in the little decisions.