

Stay Connected with His Will

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In the roundabouts of life, what's essential for you to do?

When we pray the Jesus way, we yield to the Father as we pray: *"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*

God's will has already been communicated to us through the Lord's Prayer:

- We come into a relationship with God as our Father through our "adoption" by faith in Jesus Christ.
- We honor His name through lives of worship, instruction, and witness.
- We live under Christ's reign in the kingdom of grace.

The will of God can be mysterious, even for a committed follower of Christ.

His ways are often beyond our abilities to understand on this side of eternity.

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

Because we can never fully understand the Lord's "hidden will," we focus on what we do in fact know—that is, His "revealed will."

John 6:40

Jesus said, "For My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

The focus of our connection is praying for God's will to be done and against the will of our enemy, the devil, who wants to take God's name and faith from us.

1 Timothy 2:3-6

God our Savior...wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people.

When you learn that God's ultimate will for you is to know and trust in Jesus, you can seek to know and trust His will in all things.

"A free will does not want its own way, but looks only to God's will for direction."

Martin Luther