

Intro: Fog on Bridge: “Lost in an episode of Twilight Zone!: Can’t see where came from...or where going!”

That’s the way many of us feel when we hear Jesus pray, “Your Kingdom come, your will be done...”
God’s will for our lives...is a fog! I mean, that’s the point of why we are praying, right...get some direction!

Learning to Pray Like Jesus is an amazing goal! But, to do that assumes that we are willing to pray
Not just HOW He prayed...(Model) But also WHAT He prayed!...God, show me your will!
Look with me at the way Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 6:9-13 Pg 685

Anytime you start talking about the “will” of God you are treading on dangerous and tricky ground!

Illus: There is NOTHING that throws a flag for a Pastor as quickly as when someone says to us, I was praying and
“God told me we/you/I/our church should...” “ I KNOW that is God’s will!
Years ago I got a call from a pulpit committee chairman. Looking, Met, Heard, Prayed, Last Night God told us
“That’s funny...I just talked with him this morning and He didn’t say a thing to me about that!”

Whenever we talk about “the Will of God” it is a very touchy subject.

Here is the premise I am working from this morning

A LOT of God’s will for your life, and for my life, is VERY Clear! We don’t have to go searching for it.
He has TOLD us what His will is. Bible expresses it to us very directly
As we pursue the CLEAR portions of God’s will in our life, and sell out to those...the unclear pieces fall into place!
Unfortunately, we go about backwards! We ignore or downplay the clear pieces of God’s will, and pursue the unclear

As we talk about the “Will of God” for our lives I want to use a diagram to try and provide some clarity.

Keep in mind...this is MY shot at describing it...Not found in the back of your bible...Not Fact...My Considered Opinion!

1. There is ONE Overarching Desire of God For All Mankind. 2Pet 3:9

- There are many things the bible tells us are NOT the will of God!
- God desires all mankind to have eternal life with Himself
- He does not force...He invites: It is the Purposed Desire of God
- Share Gospel: John 3:16: Clarity from 1 Cor 15:1-11

Applic: If there has never been a time in your life where you have asked God to forgive your sin, give you eternal life TODAY
At the end of the service, Time of Commitment:
After the service I will be in the Connect Room

2. There are Four Foundational Attitudes We All Must Develop In Prayer

- Give Yourself to Him 2Cor 8:5
- Live from Heart Eph 6:6
- Give Thanks in all things 1Thess 5:18
- Sometimes be willing to Suffer for Him 1Peter 4:19

Applic: Those are the broad brush attitudes of a follower of Jesus.

When we aren’t sure of the specifics...those ATTITUDES should come into play...guide our prayers

3. There are 3 (4) Life Goals God Has For Us All

- Have Eternal Life
- Be Transformed 1 Thess 4:3: Col 4:12 Perfect (mature) Complete (Equipped)
- Delivered from this Evil World Gal 1:4
- Serve Our Generation Acts 13:36

CONCL: Here is a critical Question: HOW DO WE PRAY LIKE JESUS?

When we begin to pray for those things...When we Pray: Lord, YOUR WILL BE DONE!

- We pray for ourselves...and for others...to have eternal life
- We pray to be transformed into the likeness of Jesus
- We pray to be delivered from this evil world
- We pray to be able to Serve God in Our Generation..Just as David did!

Here is the KEY:

**When We Begin to Pray for what we KNOW is God's will, and live that out
We begin to find some clarity and definition in the fog!**

**The closer we get to the pieces we KNOW...the more the ones we don't know fall into place
So...STOP praying for things you DON'T Know...Pray for What You DO! Live that Out!**

Semi on the road...Pulls you along! Drafting!!!