



Part Five: God's Will

Have you ever struggled with making big life decisions? Do you ever wonder if God has a plan for you? And if he does, why doesn't he make it easier to figure out? Actually, it is possible to figure out what God's will is, and how to follow it!

Scripture: James 4:13-17 ESV

Bottom Line: God's will for your life is that you would submit to God's will.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever struggled with a big decision that you had a hard time making? What was the decision? What circumstances, thoughts and feelings made it a difficult to figure out?
2. Has there ever been a time when you wondered what God's will was for you? What questions or conclusions did you come up with?
3. Read James 4:13-17. What do these verses tell us about the nature of our lives and the nature of God? How do these things help you think about your future and how you made decisions about what to do?
4. Discuss the following quote: "I did not realize for many years that what I was looking for wasn't so much "God's will for my life." What I was really looking for was a way to be relieved of the anxiety that comes with taking responsibility for making a difficult decision." (John Ortberg) Can you identify with it? Why or why not?
5. If you had to give a one sentence answer to the question: What is God's will for our lives? How would you answer?
6. What are some of the ways that you think would help you figure out the kinds of things that God wants us to do in life? How have you seen these methods help you out in your own decision making process?

Moving Forward

Jesus taught us to 'seek first the kingdom.' What would be some of the ways that you seek his kingdom first in practical areas of your life? What specific area of your life do you need to recommit to seeking God first in?