

The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind

Study Guide

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DISCOVER GOD'S WILL

And as you go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give (MATTHEW 10:7-8).

One of the most frequent questions that we entertain in our minds is, "What is God's will for my life?" How we begin to answer this question shapes everything in regard to how we walk out our everyday Christian lives. The good news is that we don't need to go through our entire lives waiting for divine direction that may or may not come down from Heaven, giving us a play-by-play of God's will for our entire lives. Jesus revealed it through His lifestyle and we have it recorded in the Gospels.

In Matthew 10:7-8, Jesus gives you and me a clear picture of God's will for our lives. However, to embrace the invitation that He is extending, we need to change the way we think about God's will. Often, we are waiting for the Holy Spirit to tell us something like, "Work at this job," or, "Go off to this country." We are waiting for specifics—and yes, there are times where He will clearly reveal such information—when in fact, the essentials are revealed right there in the example of Jesus Christ.

What is God's will? Wherever we go and whatever we do, our foremost commitment is to the mandate of Jesus, which is to preach and demonstrate the Kingdom. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. This is normal Christianity in action. What has happened in the past is that we have reduced our definition of normal to agree with what we have been experiencing. The problem with this perspective is that we will go on experiencing an old level of normal until we redefine our expectation of normal, and place a demand on our experience to come in alignment with the lifestyle defined by Jesus.

This is what we are moving toward. God's will actually begins with us changing the way we think about God's will, and elevating our perspective to embrace what Jesus commissioned us to do as foundational expressions of God's will. Everything else will flow from that core revelation.

TRANSFORMATION THOUGHT

Jesus taught and showed us what God's will is for our lives—preach and demonstrate the Kingdom of God.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How does this perspective change the way you approach the question, "What is God's will for my life?"
2. What type of freedom does this bring to you?

TRANSFORMATION PRAYER

Holy Spirit, thank You for making it possible for me to know and do the will of God. Wherever I go and whatever I do, help me to preach and demonstrate the Kingdom!