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# **NOT MY WILL**

MATTHEW 26:39, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not my will but your will be done." Jesus (Yahshua) the second Adam was praying to his Father, "Our Father." When he was born and knew that he was to be the Passover lamb, that the blood that ran through his veins came directly from his Father, Elohim the creator. There were no generational contaminants of sin and self-will. His destiny had been proclaimed before his Father created the heavens and the earth.

REVELATION 13:8, "...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Yahshua, was "the word made flesh and dwelt among us"—John 1:14, Elohim knew that Adam his created son would fail. He established a plan to restore mankind back to himself in the name of Yahshua. Although he had free will, he had to choose to follow destiny that was set before him and drink the cup (fate).

Matthew 26:39, "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup (fate) pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

When we humble ourselves and present ourselves as a living sacrifice, it is only then that we can fulfill the destiny and plans he has for our lives.

Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. When we have surrendered all, life is no longer about us. We live our lives for His will to be done and His kingdom to come."

Self-will is an open door for the satanic influences of deception and destruction. Throughout human history the will of man has caused a breach that has kept us in the outer court (Metaphorically the tabernacle) oppose to resting in His peace and presence.

Lucifer/Satan (because of self-will and pride) was expelled from heaven. Revelation 12:9, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceive the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Mankind became so self-willed that God (Elohim) killed every living soul on earth with the exception of Noah and his family.

And the Lord said, my spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he made man on the earth, and it grieved him that at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.—Genesis 6-8

Adam and his wife were expelled from the garden of Eden because of self-will. "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins and clothe them...therefore, the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So, he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."—Genesis 3: 21–24

Moses was restricted from entering the promise-land because of self-will. "And Moses lifted his hand, and with

his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, because ye believe me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them."—Numbers 20: 11 - 12

Jonah's self-will results in a three-night stay in the belly of a great fish. "Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." —Jonah 1:17

#### Gehazi's self-will caused him to be struck with leprosy.

"But he (Gehazi) went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, thy servant went not whither. And he (Elisha) said unto him, went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive yards, and vine-yards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed forever."—2 Kings 5:25-27

Samson in his self-will disobeying the instruction given at his birth it cost him his eyesight and to lose his life. Judges 16: 1-31, "... And Samson said, let me die with the Philistines."

Zechariah questioned the message from God brought by the angel Gabriel and was struck dumb. "And the angel answering said unto him (Zechariah,) I am Gabriel, that am sent to speak unto thee and to show thee these glad tidings. And behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because you don't believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season."—Luke 1: 19-20

Mary the mother of Jesus (Yahusha) released her will. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."—Luke 1:38

When Jesus (Yahshua) released His will to the will of the Father, he was able to accomplish his earthly destiny. His fate was a brutal beating with a roman whip with bits and pieces of metal embedded in the leather. He was spat on, had a crown of thorns placed on his head, had his feet and hands nailed to a cross, hung there naked until the ninth hour, when his blood ran down the cross to the earth He proclaimed, "It Is finished." He was buried in a tomb, arose three days later having triumphed over sin, death, and the grave.

When we choose to surrender our will and present our lives to Him for His divine purposes, the kingdom of God can manifest in us. We become light, as He is light. "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."—1 JOHN 1:5.

"He that says I know him, and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him."—1 John 2:4. "He who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk even as he walked."—1 John 2:6.

As we nurture our families to abide in the light, the darkness will not prevail against us.

There is gross darkness enveloping the entire world. However, the Most High's kingdom and his sons will shine with the brilliance of His love, being washed by His blood, and filled with His Spirit, His glory and power will abide in the circumcised hearts of all who choose to hear and totally surrender to His will and His plans for their lives.

<sup>17</sup>No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn.

This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness *is* from Me," Says the LORD.

—Isaiah 54:17 (NKJV)

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### **FFF Son Alumni News**

Congratulations to A.J. Parker, a 2010 Family Foundation Fund graduate. He and the love of his life, Taylor, are engaged to be married on September 15th, 2023. Andy & Barbara Sneed hosted an introductory dinner at their home where we were introduced to the future Mrs. A.J. Parker. Taylor is presently in residence at Vanderbilt Medical School. Please keep A.J. and Taylor in your prayers. As they prepare for life's journey.





Elijah Martinez with Papa Kirk Roncskevitz

Elijah has participated in the FFF summer program for two summers, during this time he and his mother, grandmother and sister Gabriela would come out and participate in Family Farm Days. One of our faithful partners and volunteers would often be paired with Elijah for a work assignment. On Sunday March 5th, 2023, Papa Kirk Roncskevitz and his wife Suzanne along with Shanna, Elijah, and Gabriel came together to thank the Heavenly Father for their Father/son journey.

# Son Farm—our first 3rd Saturday Family Farm Day 2023



Farming season is upon us. The weather has been most unpredictable, and we suffered some major wind damage on the first Friday in March. We are grateful for all of our volunteers and partners that were able to come out on the brisk morning of March 18th and help us correct some of the wind damage. Jomairi Teague, (a 2020 alumni) was a special blessing also helping us clear up some of the damage.

If you have not purchased your Produce with a Purpose share, you are encouraged to visit our website and place your share order by April 27th. We are grateful for all our share partners who invest their produce dollars in this social enterprise. Thank you for helping us restore to fatherhood.

Spring is here and this coming family farm day we will be putting seeds and seedlings into the earth. This community day gives all who participate an opportunity to be family and "grow" together. If you and your family care to join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:00-12:00 noon,

let us know. Visit our SonShine Farms TN web page for more information.

We hope to see you!



On February 17th, fourteen men gathered for the first in the three-part series, "Where are the Fathers?" which

is an understanding of fatherhood and its necessity for the survival of the family. Attending were men varying in ethnicity and in various stages of life seasons. Our youngest attendee was 28, our oldest 73. Some were newly married. Others had been married for several decades. Some were in the process of becoming first-time fathers.

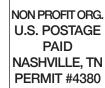
We were together abiding in Him. Father's presence, joy, and grace abounding.

"I sum up the gathering in three words, LOVE, POWER, FELLOWSHIP. One must become a son of God in order to operate as a true father of humankind. Men of faith (intergenerational and colorless), coming together to show the power of God's Love through male fellowship."—Cedric Brooks, Atlanta Ga.

"Where are the Fathers? sessions have given me increased understanding in my walk with Jesus. The connection to the teachings and experiences of other men has been valuable in my sharing of God's Word with my two sons. Where are the Fathers? is eye opening."—Scott Indermuehle, Hendersonville Tn.



These men collectively were the fathers of 41 children and grandfathers of 27 grandchildren. Husbands and fathers came from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Minnesota, Tennessee, and Texas. Our second gathering in the "Where are the Fathers?" series will be June 2nd–4th.





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### **Mission Statement**

The Family Foundation
Fund's mission is to
nurture fatherless
boys into Christcentered manhood

In the midst of the tragedy at the Covenant School, our 8-year-old granddaughter exhorted her classmates during the trauma to trust the Lord. We must trust.

Proverbs 3: 5-7

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
 Fear the Lord and depart from evil.



## **Jamison Tillman**

It is always with great joy that we are able to approach the time for a FFF son to graduate high school and continue successfully on to the next season of life. Jamison will graduate from Lipscomb Academy on Saturday May 20th. We are grateful for the academic staff and administration that have been an integral part of Jamison's success. While at Lipscomb, Jamison was recognized as a National Society of High School Scholars, a mem-

ber of the varsity basketball and track teams, and adjunct roving photojournalist ②. Jamison has received several scholarship opportunities and has chosen to attend the historic Tuskegee University. We pray the blessings of the Most High will go before him as he continues life's journey. We want to thank Greg Bouche who has fathered him well along the journey and his mother Tara Tillman who entrusted him into our care!