

IT MAY BE GOD'S WILL, but you may not get it

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Have you ever heard someone say, "If it is God's will, He will do it." I have heard that many times. How about, "The good Lord willing". I believe I have said the same thing a time or two. There is truth in the statement, if it is His will, He will do it.

Have you ever looked at John 3:16. It reads like this, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

From this verse we can say that God wants everybody to have everlasting life, to be born again into the family of God and receive all the blessing thereof. It does say whosoever, that means anybody can be saved (born again, sins forgiven). But if you read it again, you will see there is a stipulation. What is it?

Right after the word whosoever, there is stated a qualification. It states that you must **believe**, believe what? Believe in Him, Jesus, God's son. The Bible tells us that we must **confess** with our mouths the Lord Jesus and **believe** in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead; then we will be saved.

It then tells us that with our hearts we believe unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. To be saved is not just a head knowledge of Jesus, but a sincere belief that He is who He says He is, and that He can, and will do, what He says He will do.

Because we believe His Word, we'll thank God that He has saved us from our sins and that His Word is the truth. Our profession of salvation will come from our mouths. This comes from Romans 10:9-10.

Would you say that God wants everybody saved? I believe He does. The next question I have for you is this; is everybody saved, are all those that die going to heaven? I suggest to you that only those who have done what John 3:16 and Romans 10:9-10 says to do, have gone to everlasting life, heaven, when they have left this body. The Bible tells us that hell is real also. I believe that those who did not believe and confess with their mouths have found that to be true also.

You see, it is God's will, but we have a part to play to receive it.

When some people talk about a situation in their lives, they say, "If it is God's will, my bills will be paid, I will be healed, my marriage will be restored, or I will get this job. They place all the responsibility on God. Again, we have a part to play. Remember Romans 10:9-10 that we mentioned earlier, what did it say we had to do? One; believe. Two; confess with our mouths what we are believing. If we know what God's will is, and we believe it in our heart and confess it with our mouths, it will come to pass.

How do we know the will of God? Some things He tells us outright in His Word. Romans 10:9-10 and the other verses in the chapter tell us that He wants us to be saved, born again into His family. If we believe and confess with our mouths like He tells us to, we will be saved. That is God's will for us, but we have to believe it and confess it for it to happen.

Isaiah 53:5 tells us that He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, He took the chastisement for our peace on Himself, and because of His stripes we are healed.

I Peter 2:24 tells us we were healed by His stripes. Notice that Isaiah says we are healed, and I Peter tells us we were healed. Isaiah was written before Jesus came (old covenant), and I Peter was written after Jesus was crucified on the cross at Calvary (new covenant).

Matthew 8:17 tells us that Jesus took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses. If He bore them, then it means we don't have to. We can if we want to, but we don't have to.

See, these three verses give us the known will of God, we don't have to pray and ask God if He wants us to be sick, He says that He wants us well. This means we can believe that we can be well, and confess it with our mouths, and get well. This is not just a head knowledge; it is revelation knowledge. Will the devil try to get you to doubt this, yes he will. The devil will try to talk you out of what God has said you could have. You have got to know in your heart that God has provided healing for His children. Remember Ephesians 6, having done all, to stand. That means to keep saying what God's Word says no matter what it looks like or feels like. Ephesians 6 tells us to take on the whole armour of God. Notice in verse 11, that it says, "put on the whole armour of God." The understood subject is you, you put on the whole armour of God. You have to do it. Look at verse 13, again, you take unto you, and then having done all, to stand. That word stand means to be in an upright and active position. Part of the armour is the shield of faith (you are convinced that the Word of God is truth). With it you can (and will be able to) quench all the fiery darts of the **wicked**. In the

Wuest translation it says pernicious instead of wicked. In the Merriam-Webster dictionary it says it means highly injurious or destructive (deadly). These things are fiery darts; unbelief, doubt, feelings, and fear. Some of these will be offered to you by Christians, not that they mean to hurt you, but they do if you let them.

Verse 15 of that chapter tell us to shod, or bind, our feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Stay in the Word and the peace (by implication, peace, quietness, and rest) will come, the worry will go. Get the Word into your spirit and when the trouble comes, the peace of God will be there. Know the Word and you will know the will of God.

Earlier we brought up situations, bills, marriage, and jobs in our discussion on the will of God. In these situations, there may not be a particular scripture that tells us the will of God. We do know the Word tells us that if a man finds a good wife it is a good thing. We also know that God wants us blessed, so we could say that He wants us to be able to pay our bills and to have a good job. But to find the specific will of God in these areas, we have to spend time with Him, in prayer, until we hear from Him.

I am going to be talking mostly about healing but believing is a key to receiving all of what God has for you. It is the same principle, whether it is healing, prosperity, family life, jobs, children, relationships, or just which direction to go. You need to find the will of God and go for it.

Remember in Exodus 3:11-14, when Moses asked God; "When I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is His name? What shall I say unto them?", and God told him to tell them that **I AM** had sent him. He told Moses, "I AM that I AM."

This is just me, but I have started confessing things like this; I AM a child of the King, I AM healed, I AM whole, I AM well, I AM blessed, I AM who God says I am. When I say I am, I think of I AM. I wrote in my bible one time that God meant; I AM your Father, I AM your source, I AM your everything. It does make a difference for me.

Let's look at Matthew 9:18-30. Let's look first at the ruler that came to Jesus about his daughter, who had just died. He said to Jesus, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your Hand on her and she will live". Jesus got up and followed him. On the way a woman with an issue of blood came and touched His garment. She said, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made whole." Jesus turned to her and told her that her faith had made her well. In Mark 5:24-34 it tells the same story but adds more details. In verse 27 it tells us she heard of Jesus; she had heard of what He had done for other people. She then made a faith statement, "If I touch His clothes, I will be whole." Then she put faith action, to her faith statement, she pressed through the crowd to touch His clothes. Notice, she said it. When she got to Him and touched His clothes, she got what she said. Remember, she heard about Jesus (the Word), believed what she heard, said it, acted on it, and received it. Remember, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. We have heard about Jesus, what He did. So, we can believe it, say it, act on it and receive it.

There is one other thing we need to look at in these verses in Mark 5. Jesus immediately turned around and said, "Who touched me?" She evidently did not jump right up and let Him know it was her. His disciples said something like, "There is a lot of people touching you."

He asked again, “Who touched me?” Faith must have got His attention, virtue had gone out of Him. The word virtue means force, miraculous power. Her faith in Him pulled the power from Him to give her the miracle she needed. After the second time He asked, she, fearing and trembling came and fell down before him and told Him what had happened. Did He rebuke her for not asking first, for doing it right now because He was busy, or that He just did not feel like it was the right time in her life? No, He told her that her faith had made her whole, to go in peace, and be whole of her plague. Jesus told others that their faith (in Him) had made them whole also. God is ready when you are when it comes to healing. He provided it for you, just like salvation, and you can receive it whenever you believe it, say it, don’t doubt, and praise Him for it.

Jesus then went on to the girl. He told the people there, “Let me in, she is not dead, only sleeping.” They laughed at Him. If you are believing for your healing and say it out loud, some people may laugh at you also. It did not stop Jesus, He put them out, went into the room where she was and took her hand, and she got up.

When Jesus left there, two blind men came to Him asking for mercy. Jesus wanted to know if they believed He could do it. They said yes. Jesus said, “according to your faith.” Their eyes were opened.

Notice that in these 3 instances, they said what they believed, the woman to herself, and the other two, to Jesus.

Notice also, that in the case of the girl, they ridiculed Jesus. He put the crowd outside and raised the girl from the dead. He did not let their unbelief stop Him. We need to be that way in our believing. Put the

unbeliever outside if you have to, so that you can receive what you need from God.

In Matthew 15 and Mark 7 we read about the woman that came to Jesus about her daughter. She told Jesus that her daughter had an evil spirit. Jesus did not say a word to her. Jesus told them that He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. She came and worshipped Him and asked Him to help her. Jesus told her it was not good to feed the children's bread to the dogs. She answered Jesus and told Him that it was true, but the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table. After this Jesus said, "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." Her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

This is under the old covenant, but it shows what believing God, and pressing in, will get you.

I am in the room that I study in right now. I have sat down and read what I have written above. The date is March 21, 2020. Yes, this is the coronavirus era. The news media is on it constantly, and it seems to be overdone. I agree that we need to know what is happening but, it looks like they are trying to promote fear and anxiety in everyone. They are constantly showing how many more are sick, how many died, and how many lived.

I believe the devil uses this to bring fear and doubt in Christians. If they keep just soaking this stuff in, they can begin to doubt, and if they begin to doubt, they begin to walk in fear. Fear will keep you from getting what you need from God. I am now doing what I have told you to do. Feed your mind with the Word of God, speak His Word over you and your family. When a thought about the virus comes to my mind, I begin

to speak God's Word. I speak to the virus and tell it that it has no place in me or my family. My mind wants to listen to the voices saying, "Feel that, you must be coming down with it." When I hear that, I have a choice to make. Do I go by feelings or do I go by what my God has told me. I then go back to Ephesians 6, put on the whole armour of God. In verse 13, it says, "having done all, to stand." Verse 16 tells us to take the shield of faith, that we will be able to quench (put out) all the fiery darts of the wicked. Sometimes that standing is the hard part, if we don't see the change right away. That is where the shield of faith comes in. We stop all the thoughts that come against what God has said. The fear is trying to get you to agree with it and not the Word of God. The scripture tells us that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 says, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

From these verses we see that we are in a battle, but our weapons are mighty. Back in Ephesians 6, verse 17, it tells us to take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. When you speak the Word of God over a situation, mighty power is released. We need to stand on it and speak it to ourselves, filling our mind with the Word instead of fear and anxiety.

I believe some people don't get what they need from God, even though it is promised to them in the Word, because they let the devil talk them out of it. I am not going to let fear rob me of what my Heavenly Father has provided for me! Remember Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24, and Matthew 8:17, we are promised healing and good health.

I remember a conversation I had with a Christian brother about healing. He said that he felt that God uses sickness to teach us something. I told him that I thought God wanted us healed, referring to the scriptures in Isaiah 53, I Peter, and Matthew. He said that he still believed God wanted to teach us something through making us sick. After a lot of discussion, I asked him if he went to a doctor when he was sick. He said he did. I then asked him why. He said because he wanted to get better. I said, if you believe God is teaching you something, why would you go to a doctor, why not stay sick until God has taught you all that He wants you to know? God wants you well, fight with the Word by speaking it over you and your family. Then, give Him the praise and glory for doing what you need before you see anything change. When you do that, God is there to fight the battle, and He always wins.

During the time between the speaking and the seeing is the patience and the standing. In most of the verses of the New Testament that have the word patience in them, it means cheerful endurance. In a few of the verses it means “hanging in there”.

God wants you well, it is in the scriptures. You have to do what His Word says to do to get it. Believe it and say it with your mouth. Quote the verses concerning what you need until you have no doubt that it is yours. Jesus took the stripes on His body for your healing, He took our infirmities and our sickness on Himself. You have to know that He did it for you, because He loves you and wants you well.

There are things that can hinder you from receiving. Strife in your life is one, walk in love and don't let strife cause confusion (James 3:16).

Don't doubt, it will try to talk you out of your need being met (Mark 11:23). It will say, “Maybe it is not for you.”

Don't talk opposite to what you are believing. If it does not manifest in the next 2 minutes, be patient. Read Hebrews 10:23 and James 1:6-8. Don't waver, don't be double minded. Stand and receive what you need.

I hope this has helped you. I pray that God will speak to your heart and let you feel His presence right now. His love for you is great, more than you can imagine.

If you have not given your life to Jesus, you can do that right now. On the first page of this booklet, we talked about John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Then in Romans 10:9-10, "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto Salvation."

You need to say it out loud, for whatever you are believing God for.

If you asked Jesus into your life, find a good church and get involved and learn as much of the Word of God as you can.

Remember, He wants to bless His children. Believe it!

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My wife and I have went through Covid, it was tough but He was with us all the time and I give Him praise that His Word is the truth.