

## “THE POWER OF YOUR WILL”

THERE IS THE POWER OF OUR MINDS.

THERE IS THE POWER OF OUR EMOTIONS.

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WE ALL HAVE A GOD GIVEN MAKE-UP THAT MAKES US WHO WE ARE. WE ARE TRIUNE IN CONCEPT.

- ✚ SPIRIT – (PSALM 27:1-2)/ PROVERBS 20:27/ JOHN 3:6
- ✚ SOUL- (GENESIS 2:7)/ MATTHEW 16:26)/ 10:28/  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:23)
- ✚ BODY- (PSALM 139:13-16)/ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20)/  
LUKE 12:22-31/ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:13

### SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

**“I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSINGS AND CURSES. NOW CHOOSE LIFE, SO THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE.” — DEUTERONOMY 30:19 (NIV)**

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU THE ABILITY TO \_\_\_\_\_. YOUR WILL IS THE STEERING WHEEL OF YOUR LIFE. IT DETERMINES WHETHER YOU MOVE TOWARD HIS PROMISES OR AWAY FROM THEM.

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### 1. YOUR WILL IS A GIFT FROM GOD

- **FREE WILL AS DIVINE DESIGN:** GOD DID NOT CREATE ROBOTS. HE GAVE US THE DIGNITY OF CHOICE.
  - **BIBLICAL EXAMPLE:** JOSHUA STOOD BEFORE ISRAEL AND DECLARED, “CHOOSE FOR YOURSELVES THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE” (JOSHUA 24:15).
  - **PRACTICAL TRUTH:** EVERY DAY, YOUR WILL DECIDES WHETHER YOU WALK IN FAITH OR FEAR, OBEDIENCE OR REBELLION.
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## 2. THE WILL CAN OVERCOME WEAKNESS

- **JESUS IN GETHSEMANE:** EVEN IN AGONY, HE PRAYED, “NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS BE DONE” (LUKE 22:42). HIS SURRENDERED WILL BROUGHT SALVATION TO THE WORLD.
  - **PAUL’S TESTIMONY:** “I DISCIPLINE MY BODY AND KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL” (1 CORINTHIANS 9:27). THE WILL CAN COMMAND THE BODY TO OBEY GOD’S PURPOSES.
  - **APPLICATION:** YOUR FEELINGS MAY RESIST, YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES MAY OPPOSE, BUT YOUR WILL — ALIGNED WITH GOD — CAN PUSH YOU FORWARD.
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## 3. THE ENEMY TARGETS YOUR WILL

- **TEMPTATION’S STRATEGY:** SATAN CANNOT FORCE YOU TO SIN; HE CAN ONLY ENTICE YOU TO CHOOSE IT.
- **EVE IN THE GARDEN:** THE SERPENT APPEALED TO HER DESIRE, BUT THE ACT CAME WHEN SHE WILLED TO TAKE THE FRUIT.
- **GUARDING YOUR WILL:** FILL YOUR MIND WITH GOD’S WORD SO YOUR WILL IS STRENGTHENED AGAINST DECEPTION.

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#### **4. HOW TO STRENGTHEN YOUR WILL IN GOD**

1. **DAILY SURRENDER** — BEGIN EACH DAY WITH, “LORD, I CHOOSE YOUR WAY TODAY.”
2. **SMALL VICTORIES** — TRAIN YOUR WILL BY MAKING GODLY CHOICES IN SMALL MATTERS.
3. **ACCOUNTABILITY** — SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE WHO ENCOURAGE RIGHTEOUS DECISIONS.
4. **PRAYER & FASTING** — THESE DISCIPLINES SHARPEN YOUR SPIRITUAL RESOLVE.

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#### **ILLUSTRATION**

THINK OF YOUR WILL LIKE A MUSCLE. IF YOU NEVER USE IT, IT BECOMES WEAK. BUT IF YOU EXERCISE IT DAILY — RESISTING TEMPTATION, CHOOSING KINDNESS, OBEYING GOD’S PROMPTINGS — IT GROWS STRONG ENOUGH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS.

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#### **CLOSING CHALLENGE**

YOUR WILL IS POWERFUL, BUT IT IS MOST POWERFUL WHEN IT IS SURRENDERED TO GOD. THE SAME WILL THAT CAN CHOOSE SIN CAN ALSO CHOOSE SALVATION. THE SAME WILL THAT CAN DRIFT CAN ALSO DETERMINE TO FOLLOW CHRIST NO MATTER THE COST.

TODAY, GOD SETS BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSING AND CURSE. WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE?

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CALL TO ACTION

- *FOR BELIEVERS: THIS WEEK, IDENTIFY ONE AREA WHERE YOUR WILL HAS BEEN WEAK, AND MAKE A DELIBERATE, PRAYER-BACKED CHOICE TO ALIGN IT WITH GOD'S WORD.*
- *FOR SEEKERS: IF YOU HAVE NEVER SURRENDERED YOUR WILL TO JESUS, TODAY IS THE DAY TO SAY, "LORD, NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS BE DONE."*