

## MESSAGE 1: HOW CAN I KNOW GOD'S WILL?

*Parts 1-3*

*"Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV)*

### I. WHAT IS GOD'S WILL?

- IT'S NOT A \_\_\_\_\_
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- GOD'S WILL IS A \_\_\_\_\_

*"... God [has] invited you into this wonderful friendship with His Son, Jesus Christ."*  
1 Corinthians 1:9 (LB)

### II. HOW TO KNOW GOD'S WILL

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ THAT I NEED GUIDANCE

*"He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way." Psalms 25:9*

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ IN FAITH FOR DIRECTION.

*"If you want to know that God really wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you, for He is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him; but ... be sure that you really expect Him to tell you ... If you don't ask in faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer." James 1:5-6 (LB)*

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD'S RESPONSE.

*"God does speak – sometimes one way and sometimes another – even though people may not understand it."  
Job 33:14 (NCV)*

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ GOD WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)*

*“Your road led by a pathway through the sea – a pathway no one knew was there!”*  
Psalms 77:19 (LB)

- Don't be
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*“The steps of a man are established by the Lord... When he falls, he shall not be hurled headlong because the Lord is the one who holds his hand.”* Psalms 37:23-24 (NAS)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ **ON WHAT I ALREADY KNOW TO DO.**

*“Anyone who knows the right thing to do, but does not do it, is sinning.”* James 4:17 (NCV)

*“Don't boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.”*  
Proverbs 27:1 (NIV)

*“When you make a promise to God, don't delay in following through, for God takes no pleasure in fools.”*  
Ecclesiastes 5:4 (NLT)