

# “God’s Will: Perfect doesn’t mean easy!”

John 6:15-21

The sanctifying storms of life....

I. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ their attempt to make Him King.

- A. Jesus was fully \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father’s Will, and not the desires of the fickle followers.
  - 1. He could’ve become King to the false followers and avoided the cross, but Jesus would not operate independently or avoid the hardship.
- B. They \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as their ticket to a life of ease.
  - 1. The name it and claim it trend misses clear teaching. James 4:3, John 14:13, I Jn. 5:14
  - 2. They would never have to fear famine, or the Roman rule.
- C. They were willing to \_\_\_\_\_ him to get what they wanted.
  - 1. Sometimes we bargain with God to try and get our will done.

II. Jesus sent them into a \_\_\_\_\_. Mathew 14:22-23

- A. We do often \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of sin and its consequences.
  - 1. Christians can often blame God for hardships that are self-inflicted.
  - 2. Discipline and consequences are a blessing in disguise.
- B. It was not a punishment because of sin, but rather a faith \_\_\_\_\_ venture.
  - 1. They knew what Jesus had commanded and went in obedience.
  - 2. It’s important to seek God’s Will, and then walk in it as He reveals it.
- C. God’s Will is \_\_\_\_\_ in the sense that He is Sovereign.
  - 1. Nothing can happen to us that God does not allow.
  - 2. If our priority is personal comfort and what seems safest outwardly we will miss out on God’s exciting mission.

III. The misconceptions amidst the \_\_\_\_\_. Mark 6:47-48

- A. That the road will be \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s Will.
  - 1. God lead Israel to the Red Sea, Daniel to the Lion’s den, and Joseph into difficulty.
  - 2. God can provide joy in the midst of the hardship.
- B. We must be doing something wrong because we don’t \_\_\_\_\_ visible results.
  - 1. It’s easy to question God’s Will when it’s difficult.
  - 2. They had done everything right, and yet still faced a struggle.
- C. That he doesn’t see our difficult \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. He wants us to give our all for His glory!
  - 2. He wasn’t far away, and saw every part of the struggle.

#### **IV. We get to experience His \_\_\_\_\_ deliverance.**

- A. Often we find ourselves like the disciples most \_\_\_\_\_ of the unknown.
  - 1. We don't have to be plagued by this because He is all-knowing!
  - 2. If we know he has led us, than we have nothing to fear because He is for us.
- B. His \_\_\_\_\_ is more than enough to accomplish the plans He has called us to.
  - 1. They reached their destination with Jesus' help, and their faith grew in the process.
  - 2. He demonstrated his power over the storm, and His providence in it. Mk. 6:50-51, Matthew 14: 33
- C. The Journey for the disciples had many difficult \_\_\_\_\_, but was ultimately satisfying.
  - 1. As we read the letters they wrote they never regretted walking in God's Will, and it was a thrilling adventure. 2 Cor. 4:8, 11:23-28, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Timothy 4:7-8 | Peter (written to the suffering) 2 Peter 1:1
  - 2. We cannot settle for less than the best that God has intended, not miss out for the sake of the empty ventures of this world.

#### **\*Questions for small groups:**

- 1. How often does my prayer life about trying to get my will accomplished?
- 2. As have we falsely viewed storms of life as punishment even when walking with the Lord?
- 3. When have hardships caused you to question God's Will? Have you felt alone, fearful, or like you were stuck in futility?
- 4. Which misconceptions about God's Will have you had in the past or present?
- 5. Read 2 Cor. 4:8, 11:23-28, and then read Romans 12:1-2, and 2 Timothy 4:7-8. Was it worth it to the Apostle Paul to walk in God's Will despite the hardships?

#### **This week @ Grace**

**Monday- Sisters in Sobriety 7-8 pm**

**Tuesday- Cub/Boy scouts 6:30-8 pm**

**Tuesday- Women's Bible Study 7-8pm @ the Miles/ home.**

**Wednesday- Discovery Club 6:30-8, Sola 5 Youth Group 7:15-9**