

## On the wings of prayer series:

### Finding God's will on the wings of Prayer

#### Introduction:

As we go through life often times we find ourselves faced with some really hard decisions. A question I hear asked by Christians over and over again is "How do we know what God wants me to do?"

Just recently Charity and I had a really big decision to make about our ministry and whether or not God wanted us to come here. Charity and I both spent hours upon hours pouring out our hearts to God in our own garden of Gethsemane. We were immersed in God's word and seeking his desire in our lives. We were pulled to and fro over what God wanted. I somehow wished God would just speak to me from heaven so I could know for sure.

Have you been there? I've watched families cry out to God about disconnecting life support for a loved one. What do you want me to do oh God.

-Fathers and mothers in tears pleading with God on behalf of their children.

-Shall I move or shall I stay

-Shall I give up or stick it out

-Shall I leave my spouse

\*The throne of God is a busy place you know

While Charity and I were considering the work here a close personal Christian friend of mine (Not from here) suggested that I cast lots.....roll the dice and let God decide.

At last it was only in my prayer that God spoke to my heart. Then and there I realized that God's work simply needed to be done where ever I was....that's what was important. The thought came into my mind that the work here was large and I could more effectively do God's work here in this place. And I'm quite sure I acted within his will.

TS What should I do might be the wrong question. Surely the right question is what does

God desire.

## I. First God knows you intimately

- Psalms 139:3
- Knew you in your mothers womb. Psalms 139:13, 16
- Fearfully & wonderfully made Psalms 139:14
- Hairs of your head numbered Matt 10:30
- You are in his plans Eph 2:10

## II. Define God's Will

\* From Greek THELEMA meaning: His Choice, Purpose, and His Desire

### A. God's will is basically what pleases Him

- Psalms 135:6 & 115:3

### A. God is all knowing Psalms 139:4

### B. Perfect, Just, Fair.....Right Matt 5:48

- God doesn't make mistakes

### C. All things exist

- Hold together Rev. 4:11 & Col. 1:17

## III. Jesus accepts nothing else but God's will

- Lords Prayer Matt 26:39 "Yet not as I will but as you will"
- Gethsemane olive press
- squeezing
- John 6:38 "For I have come down out of heaven to do the will of the one who sent me."

## IV. Can we know what God's will is? **ANSWER!**

\* The answer is yes .....read Romans 12:1-2

- What please God
- Reading the bible and we find out.
- Meditating on is day and night.

**\*What is the will of God?**

- \*Reconciliation of man unto himself
- Doesn't want any to perish but all man to repent.
- Come to heaven and be with him

\*God knows your needs before you ask

-Lilies

-ask for a loaf

\*He takes care of them

\*Not casting lots

-Why not commanded under New Covenant?

-Faith expected

-A wicked and perverse generation seeketh a sign Matt 12:39

V. Can you know what isn't will of God?

-If a bicycle for Christmas

-Bloody head against door. 2 Cor. 2:12

-God knows when to say no....when it doesn't fit into his plan

-Never a sin....1 John 5:6

VI. Attitude toward the will of God

-Jesus says "my food is to do the will of the father"

-John 4:34

-Isaiah 55:8-9

-Prov. 3:5-6

-Jer. 10:23

VII. Pray that God's will be done.

-Know what to pray for Matt 6:10

-With in will anything we ask -1 John 5:14,15

-We should be making important his desires in our life

-Psalms 40:8 "I delight to do your will...its within my heart."

-Rabban Gamaliel said "Do his will as if it was thy will that he may do thy will as if it were his."

-Align your will with his

-God won't change his will

**\*Praying for God's will is not meant to be an excuse for a lack of faith.**

VIII. Only a fool seeks his own will

-Ecc.

-Eph 5:17

-Don't get in the way of God's will!

-Hurts

Conclusion:

Prayer is allowing God to have his will in my life on his terms

The will of God will never take you where his grace won't sustain you

1 John 2:17 He who does the will of the father lives for ever

Matt. 7:21 Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven,  
but he who does the will of my father who is in heaven will enter.

Greatest achievement in prayer isn't what we get its who we become.

**Read Isaiah 40:12-31**