| WILL God's Word Is God's Will

TEXT:	Isaiah 55:10-13
KEY VERSE:	Isaiah 55:11

² And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. ³ And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean.

Matthew 8:2-3

Do you ever wish you could just ask Jesus what his will is? This man with leprosy came to Jesus with a certain measure of faith. He said, "Jesus, I know you can." Still, he was hesitant. He said, "If it is your will."

"Jesus, you can, but will you?"

- Will you pay my utility bill?
- Will you heal my sick baby?
- Will You restore a relationship with my teenage daughter?
- Will You guide my decisions?

Will you? How can I know? How can I be confident?

⁴ And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵ And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 1 John 5:14-15

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Did you hear him? The Father of Lies just whispered in your ear, "Well, it just didn't work that way for you."

(Go ahead, tell him to shut up, while the adults talk, in Jesus' name!)

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LET'S HEAR WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT IT

¹¹ So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

So, let's start there:

1. God's Word always comes to pass.

If you waver on that, nothing else on this page will matter. Through the Prophet Isaiah, God told his people, who were in bondage, "These are not just empty (void) promises of deliverance that I'm making. I always do what I say."

- Now watch this:
 - In Isaiah 7:14, God spoke a prophecy to Isaiah by his Word, through the Holy Spirit.
 - In Matthew 1: 22, 23, even Jesus' birth was in accordance with that word of prophecy!

God spoke his word to a Prophet, and hundreds of years later, Jesus himself obeyed that word. Wow!

2. God holds himself accountable to abide by his Word!

Everything God does, he does by his word, and not one promise of God's Word ever fails.

* Notice: not only does God's word accomplish what it says, it does it really good!

"... It shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55: 11b

Settle it in your heart; if it does not appear to be working, the problem must be you, because the Word always works, and it works abundantly.

3. If I align my faith with the Word, the Word will happen in my life.

The leper that we read about in Matthew 8 was the first of three healing miracles Jesus performed to demonstrate his will for our health. After those, he healed many other people and cast out demons that same day. The leper raised the question, at the beginning. He said in essence, "Jesus, I know you can heal me, but is it your will?" Jesus said, "It is my will. Be clean."

Then, a Roman centurion came to Jesus asking him to heal his servant. Now, look what he said to Jesus, "I am a man who gives orders that have been handed down to me, and my orders are followed. I realize you are operating under the orders of your Father, and your orders are followed as well. So, just give the order, and I know my servant is healed." Again, Jesus' response to his request for healing was, "I will ..." ¹

Then, Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law. (Peter didn't ask for that ... Jesus didn't ask Peter... because he probably would have said, "You know Lord, she *is* being quiet in there ... Maybe, just, ah ..." Bottom line, our Lord even wants mothers-in-law healed!)

In verse six, he healed **ALL** who were sick.

17	This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."
	Matthew 8:17 [ESV emphasis mine]

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¹ Matthew 8: 7

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4. To know God's will, I must know God's Word.

I start by filling my mind with God's Word all day.

² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. Psalms 1:2

This godly man, who meditates on the Word, and loves to do it, will be healthy, and productive, and blessed.

* Notice: "in his season." When you are full of the Word of God, your timing is right as well. When you are full of the Word of God, you will often just do the right thing at the right time.

5. I ask the Spirit to direct me as I search the Word.

In John 14: 26, 15: 26, and 16: 13, Jesus promised the coming of the Spirit of Truth - The Holy Spirit. He said that the Spirit would:

- 1. Speak what he hears from Jesus 14: 26, 15: 26, 16: 13
- 2. Guide us into all truth 16: 13, 14: 26
- 3. Make us remember that truth 14: 26
- 4. Show us the future 16: 13

If you receive a complete disclosure of truth from Jesus, **and** he reminds you of that truth at the right moment, **and** that truth tells you what is coming in your life, I bet you will make good decisions. **That** is, "walking in the spirit."

¹⁶ This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16 [KJV]

If you are not getting that guiding voice from the Holy Spirit, then ask him to guide you. Then, be still somewhere, and meditate on God's Word, listening for him to speak to you from his Word. He will. He will tell you what is coming so you can prepare for it.

Recently, as I was meditating on God's Word, the Spirit told me, "You have a serious battle coming. Get ready for it." In my spirit, I knew what battle he meant, and I knew, "get ready" meant to fill up on the promises God had already given me. So, I did. And the battle came. And I was prepared. I am thankful God prepared me for this battle. I already know that I have won.

6. I must hold on to the promise from God's Word by speaking it out of my mouth.

Jesus emphasized how important our words are because our words reflect what is in our hearts.

⁴⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. Luke 6:45 [KJV]

³⁷ For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. Matthew 12:37 [KJV]

At the same time, our words can be the instrument that puts faith into our hearts!

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17 [KJV]

So, begin RIGHT NOW speaking what God's word says about you and your situation! Really! Right now... Go ahead, say it aloud:

** "Faith is coming to me, because I'm hearing the Word of God!"

If that felt awkward to you, then you need to put more Word IN your heart, so more Word comes out. So, go back up to the*, and quote Romans 10:17 until you feel it fill up your heart. ALSO, aloud.

Then go back to the ** and say it again. your faith is getting stronger, isn't it? Repeat dosage until you can SHOUT your faith, and not care who hears you!

As you speak the Word of God over your own life, the Word agrees with the Spirit of God who lives in your heart, and your heart says, "Glory to God! That is the truth, and I believe it !!" **No one** will be able to talk you out of what the Holy Spirit convinces your heart, which is full of God's Word!

Listen to this! If this don't make you shout, take your pulse! The resurrected Jesus just taught the Word about himself to the two on the road to Emmaus:

³² And they **said** one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he <u>talked</u> with us by the way, and while he <u>opened to us the scriptures</u>? Luke 24:32 [emphasis mine]

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Faith comes by hearing! Glory to God!

Your tongue is the strongest muscle in your body!

You better believe it!

There is no other document like the Bible. It is God, WRITTEN.² As such, it is living³, full of the power of God, and his wisdom. James 1:5 says that God will liberally share that wisdom with us if we ask him.

We can confidently know God's will, by searching his Word. Then, we can pray confidently, knowing we are praying in agreement with his will in his Word. ⁴

It is always easier to prepare than to repair!

Take the time to find out God's will in his Word in all your decisions.

² John 1:14

³ John 6:63

⁴ 1 John 5:14,15