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GOD'S WILL
for your life

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THREE DAY COMMITMENT

God, I hereby express a sincere desire to better understand *your* will for my life.

I am ready to learn how to find my mission here on earth. Let the three-day journey begin ...

Reader's Signature:

Accountability Partner #1 Signature:

Accountability Partner #2 Signature:

Location & Date:

*Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the
Lord's will is.*

—Ephesians 5:17 (NIV)



YOUR PATH TO PROGRESS

Life is a series of choices and decisions. Your choices and decisions determine the positive and negative results in your life. At the end of each day, you will be presented with a Path to Progress page. Use this section to apply the information you learn in this booklet. Avoid the temptation to brush over these pages or rush through this part of the daily devotional. This is where the revelation takes place.

It's a time for you to reflect, pray, meditate, and consider your choices and decisions in life. It's an opportunity for you to express your innermost desires to God and study His promises. Each day, you will examine one question that Jesus asked and four questions to ask yourself. Last but not least, you will be challenged to make a commitment to move forward with a daily call to action.

INTRODUCTION

You were born to fulfill God's will. When you seek God's will for your life, you will discover your mission. Every one of us is being prepared to carry out God's will. The question is ... *Will you accept your mission?* For most of us, there are major obstacles that hold us back from fulfilling our missions. Common obstacles include doubt and unbelief or disobedience and apathy. God has given us clear, concise instructions on what our mission is here on earth. *So what's the problem?* The cares of this world are the roadblocks to fulfilling God's will.

What does God want you to do with your life? In order to answer that question, you need to discover what God's *will* is and what God's

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plan is for your life. Then you can align your will with His will and your desires with His desires. This book is a three-day journey for you to begin to learn how to find God's will for your life. You will work to define your mission.

Do you know what God's will is for *your* life? Are you clear on your mission? Only you can answer these questions. Why doesn't God just tell you? Because discovering God's will builds hope, faith, and trust in Him. It also helps you discern His voice. In order to truly understand His will for your life, you need to first turn introspective and take a look at your own *will*.

Let's get underway on an exciting journey as you discover God's will for your life and you move toward hearing those precious words we all long for ... "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Day 1

YOUR WILL

“The gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.”¹

Your will is what determines your path in life. It's what guides you. It's what gets you up in the morning. Waking up every morning knowing that you are doing exactly what you were designed to do, which is to carry out God's will for your life, is an amazing feeling that doesn't get old. The best part of waking up should not be the coffee in your cup. The best part of waking up should be knowing the day ahead is full of adventure, life-changing moments, and divine appointments.

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As a *good person* walking Planet Earth, you may define *your will* to be something like this:

My will is to live well. My will is to fulfill the desires of my heart. My will is to succeed in life. My will is to learn more about God. My will is to increase my knowledge about the Bible. My will is to attend and tithe to my local church. My will is to help others once I have taken care of myself and my needs. My will is to spend time with and take care of my loved ones. My will is to surround myself with others who share my morals, ethics, and values. My will is to be accepted by others. My will is not to hurt anyone's feelings. My will is to share the gospel when appropriate and to do my best to make sure not to offend anyone. My will is to do my best to reflect righteousness in public. My will is to try to figure out what

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to do with the rest of my life to serve God. My will is not to waste my life. My will is *my will*, but I'm not exactly sure what *God's will* is for my life.

Be honest. Did any of those examples resonate with you? If so, you are primed and ready to discover God's will for your life. **Here is the good, the bad, and the ugly.** The good news is that you are on the right path and will have all the information you need in this book to find God's will for your life. The bad news is that unless you apply this information, you will never see any transformation to fulfill God's will. The ugly is that if you proclaim to be a Bible-believing Christian *saved by grace* and the blood of your Savior, Jesus Christ, and choose not to obey God's will, you risk the incomprehensible. Jesus was clear when He said:

“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me,

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*'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, **you who break God's laws.**'"*²

At first glance, you may be thinking, "Wait a minute, I thought we were all *saved by grace*?" The modern-day church predominantly teaches the gospel of grace. The cornerstone verse we have been taught in the "saved by grace" movement is: *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*³

The truth is we *are* saved by grace—**through faith**. The key phrase in this verse is *through faith*, yet the modern-day focus is on *by grace*. What exactly did the author mean by *through faith*? Faith is commonly defined as hope of the unseen. Faith requires belief. Belief requires acceptance of a truth, and our actions are a result

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of what we believe. In order to believe in something, you must first agree with it. You cannot truly believe in something while simultaneously ignoring the agreement that created that belief in the first place. Although you cannot earn your salvation, you can choose whether to agree with your leader's commands and, most importantly, whether to obey them. When you choose to place your faith in Jesus, your obedience is the essential element to validate your agreement of faith in Him.

Jesus didn't say His grace has saved you. He said *your faith* has saved you. "*Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.*"⁴

If you are saved by grace *through faith*, not your works, as Paul tells us, why does *doing God's will* even matter? And if you choose not to do His will (i.e. break His laws), how can you be *saved by grace* yet be rejected from entering heaven? It doesn't make sense. This presents a significant conflict to the modern-day believer.

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Without doubt, most Christians can agree the Word of God is inerrant, so how can these two verses coexist? From a scholar's perspective, one might argue that Jesus's promises (words) would take seniority over Paul's promises (words). To spare you the theological debate, let me share what is revealed inside that Scripture for all to see. Jesus left us with two nuggets of wisdom to solve this equation within the verse when He said:

*“Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.”*⁵

*“Get away from me, you who break God's laws.”*⁶

Jesus didn't say, “Only those of you who believe in me and my Father, *through grace*, will enter.” He specifically said: “Only those who actually **do the will of my Father** in heaven will enter.” That is one hundred percent clear. Then Jesus said, “Get away from me, you who break God's laws.” Again, one hundred percent clear.

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The two main points Jesus highlighted were:

1. You *must* do the will of His Father to enter the kingdom of heaven.
2. You *cannot* claim to “know Him” and continuously break God’s laws at the same time.

Christ addressed the importance of obeying God’s laws in His teachings throughout the Gospels when He said:

*“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise.”*⁷

*“Anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish.”*⁸

*“Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.”*⁹

Jesus spoke the truth at all times to believers and nonbelievers alike. He was clear when discussing God’s laws when He said: *“Until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved.”*¹⁰

So what does all of this mean? It means you can't truly believe God is who He says He is, accept Him, and have faith in Him, and then break, ignore, or disobey His laws and commands. By breaking, ignoring, or flat-out disobeying His commands, your unbelief in His divinity reveals itself. It also means, if you take Jesus at His word, you must do the will of the Father to enter the kingdom of heaven.

*Keep my commands and you will live;
guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.* ¹¹

When you choose to obey God's commands, you are signing up for eternity. When you meet someone who's living the life God designed them to live, you know it. It's exciting and inspiring to be around them. Their joy, aspiration, motivation, and encouragement are something to behold. This is the life that God desires for you to live. If you ignore God's will, your life will turn out much differently. Throughout the book, we will uncover what God promises you

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when you follow Him, including protection, joy, and His presence.

*For the LORD loves justice,
And does not forsake His saints;
They are preserved forever,
But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut
off.*¹²

The greatest risk in life is pursuing your own will. Without consideration for God's will, you have no protection or guarantee of the end result. The odds are against you from day one. If you believe that God loves justice ... if you believe God will never abandon the godly ... if you believe God will keep His saints safe forever, you actually have no risk whatsoever as you find and fulfill God's will. The risk is in pursuing your own will. By pursuing your will, you create a tremendous amount of risk for yourself. You have no promise, no protection, and no security that you will be safe from the result of your choices and decisions. By

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pursuing your will, following your self-interest, you are counting on your wisdom and your results.

Great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to the ways of all mankind; you reward each person according to their conduct and as their deeds deserve. ¹³

When you choose the right path, your life becomes worth living. If you have selected the wrong path, you may frequently question your existence. You have the ability to change your path with a simple choice. Choose a path leading to a lifestyle that is righteous, just, and fair.

“I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.” ¹⁴

God wants you to enjoy carrying out His will. Just like a father takes joy in watching his children do something well that he has taught them, God takes joy in watching you

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abound in your life. Learn to love finding God's will. Learn to love doing God's will. Learn to love fulfilling God's will. It will become your greatest joy in life. Waking up each morning knowing that you have a purpose, there is a plan, and you have been assigned a specific mission that God has designed just for you to accomplish is a magnificent feeling. *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.* ¹⁵

When pursuing God's will, you will quickly come to the realization that God is working through you, but you will also realize that He designed you with special talents and gifts to carry out His will exactly at this point in time in human history. Let that thought sink in for a moment. The truth is God promises each and every one of us in His Word that every single one of us is capable and was specifically designed to carry out His missions. *For we are*

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*His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*¹⁶

Are you ready to find your mission? Start today by expressing a sincere desire to seek His will.

Mission Principle 1

Sincere faith in God is expressed by
doing His will.

Day 1

PATH TO PROGRESS

Desire to find joy in doing God's will.

Psalm 40:8

Choose to obey God's laws so you can live.

Proverbs 7:2

Decide to act with righteousness, justice, and fairness. *Proverbs 1:3*

The **result** is a great reward will await you if you obey God's laws. *Psalm 19:11*

The **promise** is God loves justice. He will never abandon you if you're godly. He will protect you forever. *Psalm 37:28*

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Question from Jesus

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”¹⁷

Questions to Meditate On

What exactly is God’s will?
Am I obeying the teachings of Jesus?
Do I know God’s will for *my* life?
Am I seeking God’s will?

Your Call to Action

Learn God’s will. Obey God’s commands.
Read them. Meditate on them. Follow them.

Day 2

JESUS'S WILL

“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”¹

A true disciple of Jesus is on a mission to become Christ-like. Jesus clearly spelled out God’s will for His life and all believers’ lives within the Scripture. Let’s slip on the shoes of Christ for a moment to see what His will was while here on earth and how that contrasts with today’s traditional cultural Christian. Jesus’s signature statement about His will during His time on earth was:

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*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free.”*²

In His words throughout the Gospels, Jesus further proclaimed:

- My will is my Father's will.³
- My will is to love my Father.⁴
- My will is to be obedient to my Father.⁵
- My will is to abide in my Father's love.⁶
- My will is to follow the commandments of my Father.⁷
- My will is to do what the Father does.⁸
- My will is to fulfill the will of my Father's heart.⁹
- My will is to be one with my Father in a moment to moment relationship.¹⁰
- My will is to reflect the Father's righteous ways.¹¹

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- ♦ My will is to lay down and sacrifice my life for others. ¹²
- ♦ My will is to heal those who are sick and brokenhearted. ¹³
- ♦ My will is to lead others to eternal life through salvation. ¹⁴
- ♦ My will is to speak the truth regardless of offense or consequences. ¹⁵
- ♦ My will is to seek the kingdom of God above all else in my life. ¹⁶
- ♦ My will is to increase the kingdom of God. ¹⁷

Jesus was focused on God's will. Jesus desired for His Father to lead Him. He didn't try to do things on His own. Instead, He followed. Jesus respected His Father. He revered His Father with a healthy fear. If Jesus were to summarize His will in a love letter, I believe it would read:

Father,

Moment by moment, I sense your love and protection over me. I desire nothing in this world but to please you. I

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am here for you, ready to do anything you command. Whatever your heart desires is my command. I will carry it out for you. It brings me great joy to share your truth with others. It brings me greater joy to seek your kingdom above all else. I am honored you have sent me to heal the sick, to set those who are afflicted free, and to bring salvation to those who believe in you through me. At your command, I am ready to sacrifice my life for others.

Your son,
Jesus

*The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*¹⁸

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,

*But fools despise wisdom and instruction.*¹⁹

To fear the Lord is to revere the Lord. When you revere the Lord and everything He stands

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for, you set yourself up for spiritual growth. When you do not respect the Lord, you ignore His commandments, or you disobey Him, you set yourself up for failure. If you fail to acknowledge Jesus, you are actually shouting and raising your fist at God as if you are against Him. If you don't acknowledge Jesus, you certainly can't revere God.

Think about someone in your life who does not respect you. Do you have any motivation or incentive to go out of your way to try to bless that person? Usually not. Why is that? Because that person has insulted you, not properly valued you, and many times has broken your trust. If it's a long-standing relationship or a family member, you may still love that person but you realize that you cannot support that person given their disrespect.

Now imagine this same scenario between you and a child. If your child does not respect, revere, or obey you, that doesn't mean you don't

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love your child. However, like any loving parent, you desire for your child to be obedient. In the meantime, you will not be supporting your child's behavior. Why? Because you love your child and you know better. You don't want to create a false reality for the child. You want to teach them the right way.

*“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”*²⁰

Finally, put this scenario into context between God and His children. By giving God the proper respect and reverence that He deserves, you set yourself up for clear communication. Your obedience to Him through respect and reverence is the essential ingredient for your spiritual growth. **This is what it means to fear the Lord.**

*My eyes are ever on the LORD,
for only He will release my feet from the snare.*²¹

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When you draw near to Jesus, He will draw near to you. These days, there are so many things demanding your attention and attracting your eyes. Keeping a laser focus on Jesus is the solution to avoid distraction. By keeping your eyes on Him, you are inviting Him into your life. By calling out to Jesus, you are letting Him know that you need Him, that you can't do it by yourself. When you reach for Jesus, He will be there. You can start with this prayer today.

Lord Jesus, I need you. My eyes are now focused on you, not on the things of this world. Please take my distractions away from me and replace them with things that you desire. Let me see through your eyes. Let me see what you see. Let me hear what you hear. Let me feel what you feel. I want to be like you. I don't have it all figured out. I'm trusting that you will teach me your ways, that you will show me the right path, that you will guide me the right way and stay with me every

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step of the journey. I become afraid, I become doubtful, but through your Holy Spirit, I overcome those doubts and fears. Help me find God's will. Teach me how to be obedient. Show me how to fulfill God's will just like you did.

*The LORD confides in those who fear him;
He makes his covenant known to them.*²²

Respect the Lord. Revere Him as the king that He is. The fear of the Lord is different from the fear of man or fear of the unknown. The fear of the Lord is a healthy type of fear. Fear of man or fear of the unknown is paralyzing and disabling. These kinds of fears are unhealthy types of fear. When you fear the Lord, He knows that you will use His covenants for good. By cherishing Him, you show Him reverence, and in turn, He shows you love and mercy.

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*²³

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Fear and wisdom lead to understanding. What does fearing the Lord have to do with the beginning of wisdom? Why would fear result in wisdom? And why would you need to fear God in order to start understanding wisdom? The reason that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom is because without recognition of God's authority, anything that you deem wisdom could be attributed to your own intelligence. Without recognizing that all things come from God and all wisdom is imparted by God, there would be no reason to fear God. This fear of the Lord is what Jesus exercised here on earth. This is how He was able to find and fulfill God's will. By following Jesus's example, you can do the same.

After clearly understanding Jesus's will, which is to do the will of His Father, and understanding how to fear the Lord, the next step is for you to understand God's will.

Mission Principle 2

Your destiny is to become Christ-like.

Day 2

PATH TO PROGRESS

Desire the Lord as your shepherd. *Psalm 23:1*

Choose to keep your eyes always on God.

Psalm 25:15

Decide to fear the Lord. *Proverbs 1:7*

The **result** is He teaches His covenant to you if
you fear him. *Psalm 25:14*

The **promise** is God's goodness and faithful
love will follow you all the days of your life.

Psalm 23:6

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Question from Jesus

“Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?” ²⁴

Questions to Meditate On

How can you apply Jesus's will in your own life?

Does your character reflect Christ to others?

What characteristics of Christ do you
feel you lack?

Do you have a desire to change your character?

Your Call to Action

Study Jesus. Model His methods.

Develop His attributes. Understand Jesus's will.

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GOD'S WILL

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take. ¹*

All wisdom comes from above. God is the granter of such wisdom. Pay attention to Him. If you desire to seek Him, seek God's will as priority one in your life. When you seek God's will in all that you do, He will show you the right path.

*Come and listen to my counsel.
I'll share my heart with you
and make you wise. ²*

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If God were to summarize His will for your life in a love letter, I believe it would read:

My precious son/daughter,
Be strong and courageous, not fearful. ³
I'm here to strengthen you and uphold you with righteousness. ⁴ Acknowledge me; trust me with all of your heart. Do not lean on your own understanding. ⁵ Do not get caught up in worldly possessions or the desires of your eyes. ⁶ Be thankful and grateful in all circumstances. ⁷ Avoid sexual immorality. ⁸ Be sanctified by my Holy Spirit. ⁹ Silence the talk of foolish people by your righteous behavior. ¹⁰ Renew your mind and do not be conformed to the ways of this world. ¹¹ Rather, live by the fruit of the Spirit. ¹² I have a purpose for you. Be called to that purpose by loving me. ¹³ Follow my will; ¹⁴ I will provide you a hope and a future. ¹⁵ I will give to you generously and provide you wisdom. ¹⁶ I

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just ask that you love me above all else.¹⁷ I long to give you the desires of your heart.¹⁸ I will forgive you for all of your sins, cleanse you from all unrighteousness,¹⁹ and help you overcome temptation.²⁰ Accept my Son, Jesus, so that you may inherit eternal life and not perish.²¹ Follow His commands and make disciples.²² Love His followers like family.²³ Follow His example so that you will bear much fruit in your life²⁴ and bring the kingdom of heaven to earth.²⁵ Receive the reward I have promised you.²⁶ Seek the kingdom first and everything will be added to you.²⁷ I will equip you with everything you need to carry out your mission.²⁸ Seek my presence continually. Rely on me; do all things through me for I will strengthen you.²⁹ Do not worry; I will provide every need of yours.³⁰

Your loving Father, now and forever,
Dad

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Throughout the Bible, God shares His will for your life.

- ✦ God's will is that you seek His will in all that you do.³¹
- ✦ God's will is that you find Him by praying to Him with all of your heart.³²
- ✦ God's will is for you to continue to do good in the midst of suffering.³³
- ✦ God's will is for you to find out if Jesus's teachings come from God.³⁴
- ✦ God's will is for you to do what is right, to love mercy, and walk humbly with Him.³⁵
- ✦ God's will is that you do all things through Him who strengthens you.³⁶
- ✦ God's will is that you reject the acts of the flesh.³⁷
- ✦ God's will is that no one should perish.³⁸
- ✦ God's will is that Jesus should lose none of the people who He gave to Jesus.³⁹

See Appendix 1 for more verses about God's will for your life.

God already knows the desires of your heart.

He knows the things that you want, but as long as you pursue them on your own time, of your own accord, with your own terms and conditions, you will continue to get *your own* results. What I've found is the more that I submit and surrender to *His* will, the more He opens up and blesses the desires in my heart. The more I grow closer to Him, the more my desires align with His.

It all starts with the *decision* to seek *His will* in all that you do. After you make this decision, there will be a hunger to seek God's knowledge. You will learn to depend on the Holy Spirit to show you how to apply this information in your life. You will start to live fully dependent on the Holy Spirit, seeking His counsel on how to find and fulfill God's will. Your focus and priority will be doing God's work. He will show you

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the way. He will give you the things that you need. He will provide for you in the capacity that He sees fit. He designed you, so of course He knows what you need. He created you especially for a season and a time such as this.

Finding God's will isn't about changing who you are. God made you who you are, the way you are. Finding God's will is about changing your heart's priorities and making His passions a priority over your own passions. Put Him first, so that He may show you how much He loves you.

This leads us to the next part of your journey, which is to better understand how to apply God's will in your life through Father God's business.

Mission Principle 3

Make God's will the primary desire of
your heart.

Day 3

PATH TO PROGRESS

Desire to seek His will in all you do.

Proverbs 3:5

Choose to put your hope in God all day long.

Psalm 25:5

Decide to be strong and have courage.

Psalm 31:24

The **result** is God will share His heart with you and help you become wise. And that you will find peace, and fear and harm won't trouble you. *Proverbs 1:23, 33*

The **promise** is God will be a friend to you if you fear Him. *Psalm 25:14*

Question from Jesus

“Have I not chosen you?” ⁴⁰

Questions to Meditate On

Do you know what God's will is for *your* life?

Are you carrying out God's will on a
daily basis?

Have you asked God to reveal His
purpose for your life?

What is holding you back from doing
God's will?

Your Call to Action

Seek God. Learn His plan.

Embrace God's will.

MISSION FINDER STORY

ONE FLIGHT FROM HEAVEN'S DOOR

For many years, I spent the majority of my summers in the Greek islands. After spending one summer in Santorini, I was on my flight home from Athens to Los Angeles, connecting through London. It was a few years after 9/11, so airport security was still tight and anxiety was still in the air.

As we approached London, the plane suddenly did a U-turn, heading back toward Athens. Perplexed, the other passengers and I stared at each other, waiting for the pilot to come on the loudspeaker, hopefully with news other than that we were headed for a crash landing. If you've ever been in a Boeing 747 that makes a sharp U-turn, believe me, you feel it. The pilot announced that we would be returning to

Athens even though we were hours into our flight and just getting ready to descend on London. There weren't many details other than there was a threat at the London airport and we needed to return to Athens.

Upon arriving in Athens, we were greeted by news cameras, reporters, and people questioning the details of our flight. Within moments, we were informed that twenty terrorists had been apprehended before boarding flights headed to major cities in America including Los Angeles.¹ There is no doubt one of the arrested terrorists would have been on my connecting flight from London to Los Angeles, which was on a major carrier. I believe God spared my life that day and many others' lives. I'm eternally grateful to Scotland Yard, which arrested those terrorists and foiled their plan.

It was utter chaos in the Athens airport; everyone was frantic, trying to get on the next flight home. The FAA had grounded all planes in

Europe and in America. Yet everyone was still scrambling to try to get home. The lines to the ticket counter were tremendous. I paused for a moment, then decided to take a different approach. Rather than fight the crowd trying to fly through multiple European cities to try to get back home days later, I decided to look at this situation as a sign that it was time for me to spend some alone time reflecting on the purpose of my life. I went to a ticket counter with no one in line, a local Greek airline. I booked the first ticket back to Santorini for a week until things cooled down. I was about to discover God's will for my life.

I remember flying back to Santorini with a new perspective on my life, a new understanding of just how fragile and precious life is, and how quickly things can change in your life in a moment. All my worldly attachments seemed less important. On the flight back to Santorini, I made a new friend. A Swiss man was returning to his vacation home in Santorini to get it

prepared for sale. I shared my experience in real estate and offered to assist him with the preparations and marketing. He was very empathetic to my situation given the terrorist arrests in London, and he offered to host me for the week, a very generous offer.

Upon arrival, I discovered his *vacation home* was better described as a first-class waterfront estate overlooking Santorini's picturesque Caldera. The location was magnificent. Quite possibly the most spectacular view I have ever seen from a private residence in the world. The home was ultimately sold to a five-star boutique hotel. I revisit this landmark in my life whenever I return to the island.

The next seven days put a new perspective on my life, my path, and my faith. It is a moment in my life that I've come to realize God's hand was all over. He was protecting me, then revealing to me that there was more to my life. He had a destiny ready for me to unfold and a mission waiting for

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me to complete. It was my wake-up call. No more delaying my destiny. Over the next few years, I surrendered my life to Christ. Soon after, I was married. My family and business flourished. I made a *choice* to commit all of my time and energy toward seeking God's will. I made a *decision* to invest my time, talent, and treasure toward seeking eternal treasures. This was the beginning of my journey to find and fulfill God's will for my life.

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AUTHOR'S TESTIMONY

My hunt for the truth began in California. I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area. It's one of the most spiritually diverse places on the planet. I was raised by a Protestant mother and a Catholic father. The Spanish heritage of my surname is Jewish. Most of my friends growing up, international or domestic, did not follow any particular religion.

I went through a spiritual identity crisis when I was younger. I could not stand the thought of being labeled. People who pushed their religion on me were met with sarcasm and ridicule. I have a deep appreciation for humanity at large and enjoy many cultures worldwide. I love people of all nationalities, appreciate unique languages, enjoy traveling far and wide, and embrace different ways of life. The thought

of one religion, one way, or one truth seemed outrageous, simplistic, naïve, and too exclusive for me to want any part of. The thought of my friends of different beliefs or religions being sent to some place called hell was even more absurd; they were good people. Why would God do that?

I traveled the world extensively seeking the truth. After visiting more than fifty countries by age thirty, I felt I had a good handle on the world religions and could make an educated personal decision on faith. This was not based on my background or my family's beliefs but based on my own life experiences. One thing still stood in the way. I needed to read all the scriptures of the world religions cover to cover before I could make a final decision. I tend to research extensively before any major decision in my life, and this endeavor was certainly no exception to that rule. Thank goodness, because this exercise allowed me to uncover the real truth.

Admittedly, I had never read any of the scriptures of the world religions cover to cover until that point in my life. Once I did, the Bible shined like a diamond compared to the other world religions. The accurate prophecy, detailed history, and explanation of modern-day current events surprised me. The truth became evident. The Bible answered all of my skeptical questions. I frequently ask people who do not believe in Christ or the Bible's accuracy if they have ever read the Bible cover to cover. The answer is unanimously no.

On reflection, I now realize I'd been hearing the truth for a long time, even in my own home. I just wasn't listening. When I finally read the Bible cover to cover and absorbed the Word of God into my soul, it changed my life and my eternal destination. It will change yours as well.

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Day 3: God's Will

Throughout the Bible, God shares His will for your life.

- God's will is for you to bring the kingdom of heaven to earth. (Matthew 6:10)
- God's will is for you to bear fruit in your life. (John 15:8)
- God's will is for you to make disciples. (Matthew 28:19)
- God's will is for you to follow His will. (James 4:15)
- God's will is that you seek His will in all that you do. (Proverbs 3:6)
- God's will is to provide you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- God's will is that you find Him by praying to Him with all of your heart. (Jeremiah 29:12-13)
- God's will is to give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)

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- ✦ God's will is for you to be strong and courageous, not fearful. (Joshua 1:9)
- ✦ God's will is for you to be grateful and thankful in all circumstances. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- ✦ God's will is for you to renew your mind and not to conform to the ways of this world. (Romans 12:2)
- ✦ God's will is for you to silence the ignorant talk of foolish people by your righteous behavior. (1 Peter 2:15)
- ✦ God's will is for you to continue to do good in the midst of suffering. (1 Peter 4:19)
- ✦ God's will is that you believe in Jesus and inherit eternal life. (John 3:16)
- ✦ God's will is for you to find out if Jesus's teachings come from God. (John 7:17)
- ✦ God's will is to love His followers like family. (Mark 3:35)
- ✦ God's will is that you receive the reward He has promised. (Hebrews 10:36)
- ✦ God's will is to equip you with everything you need to carry out your mission. (Hebrews 13:21)
- ✦ God's will is to forgive you of all your sins and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

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- ✦ God's will is for you to do what is right, to love mercy, and walk humbly with Him. (Micah 6:8)
- ✦ God's will is that you do all things through Him who strengthens you. (Philippians 4:13)
- ✦ God's will is that you acknowledge Him and trust Him with all of your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)
- ✦ God's will is that you do not get caught up in worldly possessions or the desires of the eyes or the flesh. (1 John 2:16-17)
- ✦ God's will is to help strengthen you and to uphold you with righteousness. (Isaiah 41:10)
- ✦ God's will is for you to seek His presence continually and rely on His strength. (1 Chronicles 16:11)
- ✦ God's will is for you to love Him and be called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)
- ✦ God's will is to give to you generously and provide you wisdom. (James 1:5)
- ✦ God's will is for you to overcome temptation. (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- ✦ God's will is to supply every need of yours. (Philippians 4:19)
- ✦ God's will is that you live by the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

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- ✦ God's will is that you reject the acts of the flesh. (Galatians 5:19-21)
- ✦ God's will is that you should be sanctified. (1 Thessalonians 4:3)
- ✦ God's will is that you avoid sexual immorality. (1 Thessalonians 4:3)
- ✦ God's will is that you love Him above all else. (Luke 14:26)
- ✦ God's will is that no one should perish. (Matthew 18:12-14)
- ✦ God's will is that you seek the kingdom of God first in your life and everything will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)
- ✦ God's will is that Jesus should lose none of the people who He gave to Jesus. (John 6:39)

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Scripture quotes are labeled with the translation they are taken from. Other entries are references to Scripture or outside sources.

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1. Matthew 7:14 (NLT)
2. Matthew 7:21-23
(NLT, emphasis added)
3. Ephesians 2:8-9
(NIV)
4. Luke 7:50 (NKJV)
5. Matthew 7:21 (NLT, emphasis added)
6. Matthew 7:23 (NLT, emphasis added)
7. Matthew 7:24 (NLT)
8. Matthew 7:26 (NLT)
9. John 14:23 (NIV)
10. Matthew 5:18 (NLT)
11. Proverbs 7:2 (NIV)
12. Psalm 37:28 (NKJV)
13. Jeremiah 32:19
(NIV)
14. Psalm 40:8 (NIV)
15. 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)
16. Ephesians 2:10
(NKJV)

17. Luke 6:46 (NIV)

Day 2

1. John 6:40 (NIV)
2. Luke 4:18 (NIV)
3. John 6:38
4. John 14:31
5. John 15:10
6. John 15:10
7. John 14:31
8. John 5:19
9. Matthew 26:39
10. John 10:30
11. Matthew 6:33
12. John 15:13, John
10:15
13. Luke 4:18
14. John 12:50
15. John 18:28-40
16. Matthew 6:33
17. Mark 4:26-27
18. Psalm 23:1 (NIV)
19. Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)
20. Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

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| 21. Psalm 25:15 (NIV) | 22. Matthew 28:19 |
| 22. Psalm 25:14 (NIV) | 23. Mark 3:35 |
| 23. Proverbs 9:10 (NIV) | 24. John 15:8 |
| 24. John 18:11 (NIV) | 25. Matthew 6:10 |
| | 26. Hebrews 10:36 |
| Day 3 | 27. Matthew 6:33 |
| 1. Proverbs 3:5-6
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| 2. Proverbs 1:23 (NLT) | 29. 1 Chronicles 16:11 |
| 3. Joshua 1:9 | 30. Philippians 4:19 |
| 4. Isaiah 41:10 | 31. Proverbs 3:6 |
| 5. Proverbs 3:5 | 32. Jeremiah 29:12-13 |
| 6. 1 John 2:16-17 | 33. 1 Peter 4:19 |
| 7. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 | 34. John 7:17 |
| 8. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 | 35. Micah 6:8 |
| 9. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 | 36. Philippians 4:13 |
| 10. 1 Peter 2:15 | 37. Galatians 5:19-21 |
| 11. Romans 12:2 | 38. Matthew 18:12-14 |
| 12. Galatians 5:22-23 | 39. John 6:39 |
| 13. Romans 8:28 | 40. John 6:70 (NIV) |
| 14. James 4:15 | Mission Finder Story: |
| 15. Jeremiah 29:11 | One Flight From |
| 16. James 1:5 | Heaven's Door |
| 17. Luke 14:26 | 1. "Police: Plot to blow up |
| 18. Psalm 37:4 | aircraft foiled." August 10, |
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