

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: To win, build and send Department of Defense leaders to live for Jesus Christ

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Knowing God's Will

#1 – WHAT ABOUT ME?

INTRODUCTION:

When you and your wife go “out” to eat, how do you decide where to go?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:

Read Ephesians 1:4-6

1. Why did He choose us?
2. Who are the “elect?” Rom 8:33; Matt 24:22
3. How can we live holy and blameless, set apart? 1 Cor 6:19-20; Eph 1:13-14
4. What is the difference between a slave and a (adopted) son?

Read Romans 11:33-36

5. How did God get so smart (who taught Him)?
6. If God is so hard to understand, why do we try? What do we know about God? **Gen 1:1; Ps 19:1; John 1:3; Rom 1:20**
7. How do we try to “obligate” God (to do our will)? **Job 35:7**
8. Is it comforting or scary that you can't know everything about God?

Read Rom 12:1-2

Note: In the previous system sacrifices were given by the priest. Now we have no (human) priest; and have direct access. 1 Pet 2:5, 9

9. Who is the high priest now? **Heb 9:11**
10. How can our body be a living sacrifice? **1 Cor 3:16, 17; Eph 2:21-22**
11. How does “renewing our minds” allow us to know God's will? How does that happen?

APPLICATION:

- Looking back, how can you see God's will by choosing you to know Him personally?
- How can you conform your will to God's way of thinking rather than “the world?”

Ex 5:21 – 6:12 Moses still thought he was supposed to be the deliverer. The message was a rerun: “Go tell the Pharaoh...” My own people just bought me a one-way ticket caravan back to Midian and you want me to go back? R-r-r-re-m-m-mem-ber m-m-me? I'm the guy that c-c-can't t-t-talk. Lord, I'm at the end of my rope. How in the world are you going to pull this off?

Moses didn't know it at the moment, but he's put before the Lord the best proposition yet. The best framework for God to do is most ideal work is when things are absolutely impossible, and we feel totally unqualified to hand it. That's his favorite circumstance. Those are His ideal working conditions. Time after time he brings us to our absolute end and then proves Himself faithful. ¹

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Great Days with the Great Lives, Charles R Swindoll, W Publishing Group, 2005, p 76