

THIS IS HOW I FIGHT MY BATTLES



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WHEN YOU'RE ON A SEARCH FOR GOD'S WILL

PART 4

Luke 22:39-46 – Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” ⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴² “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” ⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. ⁴⁵ When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶ “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”

THE 3 “THINGS” TO FINDING THE WILL OF GOD

#1 – The THING I really want to do.

#2 – The THING that I don’t mind which way it goes.

#3 – The THING I really don’t want to do.

1 I must say, “Nevertheless not my will but thine be done,” when it’s something I really want to do.

2 Samuel 11:1-5 – In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

² One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” ⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. ⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.”

2 I must say, “Nevertheless not my will but thine be done,” even when I don’t mind which way it goes.

Genesis 13:3,4,8,9 – From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier ⁴ and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.

⁸ So Abram said to Lot, “Let’s not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Let’s part company. If you go to the left, I’ll go to the right; if you go to the right, I’ll go to the left.”

3 I must say, “Nevertheless Lord not my will but thine be done,” even when I really don’t want to do something.

Luke 22:42 – “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”