

discerning

THE WILL OF GOD



What is God's will for me?

Salvation.

And this is the will of Him **who** sent Me, that everyone **who** sees the Son and **believes** in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:40

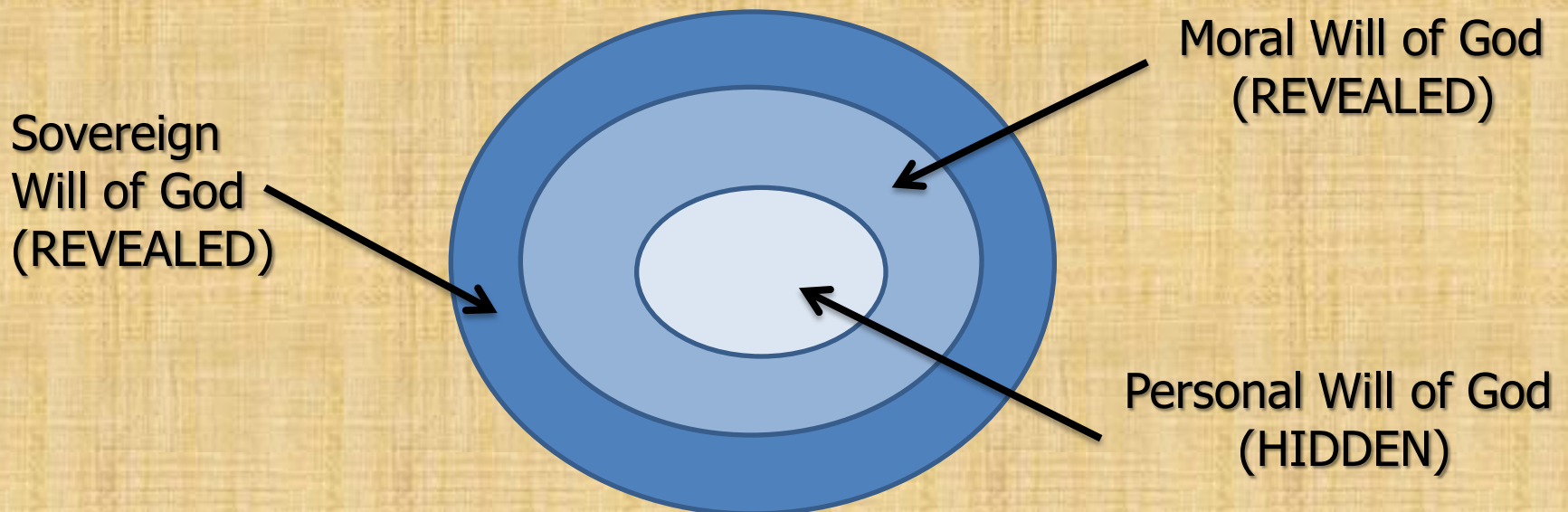
Growing in the likeness of God.

You shall therefore be holy, for I Am holy.

Lev 11:45

Is god's will all about me!?

- Here is a diagram that can help explain the way Gods will can be better understood!
- Turns out its not all about me, about who i shall marry, what I shall study or how much money I should earn



Has God planned EVERY single detail of my life?



We have a problem!!!!



The problem we face is that God has taught us that we should not worry about the finer details of His plan and that often it is not our place to demand to know where we are headed or why things are happening and yet we are meant to always be in the way of the will of God. How can we do both?

So how do I find myself always in the will
of God?



How can i check i am in His will?

- Look for the following markers:

1. You can feel the Holy Spirits prompting

- (Jn 14:16, Job 32:18-19)
- In a mutual relationship with God we should always

2. Having a certain uncertainty! You need not know details of what God is working

- (Acts 20:22, Exodus 3:1-10)
- St Pauls journeys were always uncertain but in Gods plan
- We cannot fully comprehend Gods will so God doesn't usually let us in on the detail because we cannot handle it

3. Inevitable resistance

- (Acts 20:22-23) Chains and tribulation await me

4. Uncommon clarity

- (Acts 20:24, Neh 6:1-8)
- Nothing moved St Paul because he saw the big picture of life



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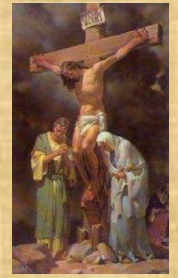


EVENT	ST. MARY'S RESPONSE
THE ANNUNCIATION <i>Luke 1:26:38</i>	“Then Mary said, ‘Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word’.”
ST. MARY'S VISIT TO ELIZABETH <i>Luke 1:39-56</i>	“Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah.”
THE NATIVITY <i>Luke 2:1-20</i>	“But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.”
THE JOURNEY TO EGYPT <i>Matt 2:1-15</i>	“So he got up, took the child and His mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of herod.”

St. Mary is a wonderful example of how obedience to God will ensure that I am always in His will.



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SIMEONS PROPHECY <i>Luke 2:25-35</i>	St. Mary did not speak or react.
CHRIST'S MINISTRY BEGINS <i>John 2:1-12</i>	"His mother said to the servants do whatever He tells you."
WITH CHRIST AT THE CROSS <i>John 19:25-27</i>	In the 9 th hour of the Agbia we read the following contemplation: "When the mother saw the Lamb, the Shepherd and Savior of the world hanging on the cross, she wept and Said, 'The world rejoices at the acceptance of Salvation, but my heart burns when I look at Your crucifixion which you endured for the sake of all.'"

Our calling is...

OBEDIENCE UNTO DEATH

Our ultimate challenge is to be obedient unto death. We we struggle for God and our faith, when we push ourselves beyond our comfort and with no limits then we will find ourselves enjoying the greatest of blessings from God. This is our call.

Thought: why does God deal with us in Covenants?
Because He wants us to engage in a very real relationship with Him. This way we can identify Him more easily in our lives (through the blessings) and He can receive our love through faithfulness.

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