

Lesson 0436C

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Introduction: God’s Goodness Demonstrated Through His Perfect Will The will of God has been a much-debated subject, which can be quite entertaining. It does no good to keep the conversation in a classroom caught up in Christian theory. Sometimes we’re asking for answers when what we need is Presence. It has to be taken onto the streets, where the hurting people are. God works in mysterious ways, but He is mysteriously good – not mysteriously evil.

Discussion 1: The goal of today’s session is to help you biblically consider the subject of God’s will. Just because something happens in your life or in the world does not mean, by default, it is God’s will. While there are fixed, definitive expressions of God’s will – like the return of Jesus – there is a realm of God’s will where He invites His people to participate in its unfolding. This does not undermine His sovereignty, as the Sovereign Lord intentionally commissioned mankind to rule in His stead on the earth. Your commission is to go into all the world, make disciples of nations, and proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom. Even though we fail at this assignment, our failure does not revoke God’s assignment. When we don’t see breakthrough and results, we need to approach the Father – not in guilt or shame – but in genuine hunger to see an increase of His power, rule, and reign through our lives.

Drill Down 1:

- Read Mark 9:14-29. When you don’t experience breakthrough or results – just like the disciples did in this passage – what should we do?

- What model did the disciples set?

Drill Down 2:

- Spend some time in prayer, taking Jesus aside and ask Him your hard questions. Don’t blame Him but learn how to ask Him, ask Him honestly. What were your first three (3) hard questions?

1.

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- Find a prayer partner from within your home and ask him to pray for you. Ask him to pray for the following: perseverance to keep praying and believing God, for strength, for healing, specifically for disappointment and loss. Ask him to release freedom from any guilt or shame, simply to release God's refreshing presence over you. Write down the first three (3) things that come to mind while you are being prayed for.

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- Ask your prayer partner for any prayer needs that have gone "unanswered" for a long time. Pray for your prayer partner as he just prayed for you concerning his need. As you pray, remain aware of any prayer direction or words that come to mind that you were not expecting. Write down the first three (3) below.

1.

2.

3.

Post Lesson Instructions: This week, focus on praying for personal breakthroughs for those long "unanswered" prayers of your brothers. Keep praying and keep believing.