

SOM WEEK 5 OVERVIEW

Homework

- Bible Readings: Acts 9-18
- Book Readings: Living Water by Chuck Smith Chapters 14-20 (Pg 173-279)

Sermon Highlights: Determining the Will of God - Pastor Johnny Zacchio

Key Verses

- Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Key Points

What is God's Will?

- The plan that He has for our life that fulfills His purpose for eternity.

God Reveals His will by His Word

- This is the primary way that God speaks to us, through His written word.
- Anything contrary to the Word is not God's will.

God's will is centered on our relationship with Christ

- True discernment starts with Christ and knowing Him.

God reveals His will to those who are willing to obey Him

- We need to walk in the Spirit and produce fruit.
- God doesn't condemn us, He convicts us and draws us back.

We discern God's will as we pursue holiness in our lives

- We will not be sinless on this side of eternity, but we should be "sinning less".
- Little compromises will cause worse sin.

God Reveals His will when we pray to Him

- Thy will be done, not my will.
- Our prayers become aligned with God's will as we draw close to Him.

God doesn't play spiritual hide and seek

- Ask, seek, and knock.
- God will open doors, but He will also close doors. Sometimes He will tell us to wait and the answer is not right now.

- God not only orders our steps, but our stops as well.

Reflection Questions

- How can I seek God for His will in my everyday life?
- How do I respond when God is leading me out of my comfort zone or somewhere unexpected?
- How do I handle seasons when God's will seems unclear or He is silent?