



— Week 2 —

This weeks focus scripture: Romans 12:2

This weeks extra reading: (Don't panic, they are pretty short!)

Ephesians 5:17-18 *Matthew 6:9-10* *Galatians 1:3-5* *Ephesians 1:8-9* *Romans 8:1-10*
James 4:13-17 *1 Corinthians 1:1* *Philippians 2:13* *Ephesians 6:5-8*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 *1 Thessalonians 4:3-6* *Colossians 4:12* *Colossians 1:9-12*

This weeks memory challenge: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

— Study and Reflection —

Day 1: Below are some common 'myths' about the concept of God's Will that Pastor Ethan described in this message. Have you struggled with any of these? Describe in greater detail how these are misconceptions. Are there times when some of these are true?

- Myth? God has a specific direction and choice regarding our specific life circumstances, direction, and decisions.
- Myth? It is *God's will* for us to be circumstantially blessed- we just need to figure out how.
- Myth? *God's will* will be unlikely, and probably not what we want or would think.
- Myth? If something doesn't happen the way we hoped, we should say "it wasn't God's will."
- Myth?: God's will is a mystery, spiritually difficult to discern, and even harder to do.

Day 2: Read Romans 12:1-2 again. Based upon Pastor Ethan's message, what is the meaning of 'test and approve' (NIV) God's will?

In what way is God's Will "Good, Pleasing, and Perfect"? How can we misunderstand this statement?

Day 3: Read through the individual scriptures outlined above, including Romans 12:1-2. Journal the different aspects you see regarding God's will, as well as your questions. (These are all bookmarked at trinityvail.com)

Day 4: Based upon these scriptures, describe in your own words, what is the Miracle of God's will? What is the most important aspect of God's will in regards to His work in our daily lives?

☞ *Notes from Sermon Outline* ☞

† God's will: Myth or Miracle?

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- Myth? It is *God's will* for us to be circumstantially blessed- we just need to figure out how.
- Myth? *God's will* will be unlikely, and probably not what we want or would think.
- Myth? If something doesn't happen the way we hoped, we should say "it wasn't God's will."
- Myth: God's will is a mystery, spiritually difficult to discern, and even harder to do.
- MIRACLE: The God of the Universe, who loves me and knows me, has given His life to me, is in union with me, and is actively working in me, that I may experience His presence, provision, and purpose through me.

† God's will as a RESULT
Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 5:17-18

† God's will and the perspective of His KINGDOM
Matthew 6:9-10, Galatians 1:3-5, Ephesians 1:8-9

† God's will and a perspective of TRUST
Romans 8:1-10, James 4:13-17

† God's will and His PURPOSE in our lives.
1 Corinthians 1:1, Philippians 2:13

† God's will and how we LIVE as an expression of who we ARE.
Ephesians 6:5-8, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6, Colossians 4:12

† God's will, God's WISDOM, and God's word.