

SURRENDERING TO THE WILL OF GOD

(Russian translation located at the end of the English notes.)

- *The greatest example of surrendering to the will of God is seen in the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The greatest moment in His life that exemplifies ultimate surrender to the will of God is seen in the Garden of Gethsemane just prior to His crucifixion.*

Luke 22:39–46 (NKJV)

³⁹Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him.

⁴⁰When He came to the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

⁴¹And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed,

⁴²saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”

⁴³Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

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⁴⁵When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow.

⁴⁶Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”

- *We can learn a number of things about surrendering to the will of God from this passage of Scripture.*
- *“He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed” – Jesus’ life of surrender is seen in His consistent discipline of spending time with His Father in prayer.*

John 15:9 (NKJV)

⁹“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

- *Jesus was fully convinced of His Father’s love.*
- *Jesus lived in the place of always experiencing the reality of His Father’s love.*
- *Jesus fully surrendered to the love of His Father.*

- *How do we abide in Christ's love?*

John 15:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

- *We abide in His love by keeping His commandments, by surrendering to the will of God.*
- *Abiding in Christ's love is not a "feeling" but a "knowing" and an assurance of His love and faithfulness to us, and having confidence that "He will never leave us nor forsake us." (Hebrews 13:5).*
- *Christians who are always seeking an emotional experience to reassure themselves of God's love will end up struggling to trust God during difficult times.*

John 15:7 (NKJV)

⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

- *"If you abide in Me" – This refers to learning to abide in prayer.*
- *"My words abide in you" – This refers to learning to abide in the Word through reading, studying, and meditation.*

Luke 22

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- *"And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw" – Instead of Jesus withdrawing from the Father during the most difficult single moment in His life, He withdrew from the world to be with the Father.*

- *Some Christians when they experience trials, temptations, or painful experiences withdraw from God and wallow in pain and confusion, but Jesus during His darkest time went into seclusion to be with His Father.*
- *“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” – Jesus didn’t come to the Father to seek “an easy way out,” but to affirm His commitment to His Father and to acknowledge that His Father’s will was perfect and to surrender to His Father’s will.*
- *“Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.” – The Father’s response to Jesus’ surrender—He sent an angel to strengthen Jesus so He could pass through the cross of Calvary victoriously.*
- *Sometimes Christians pray to avoid hardship at any cost, but God wants us to surrender to His will and trust Him to lead us, whether it is deliverance from a difficult situation, or victory as we pass through a difficult situation.*

1 Peter 3:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

- *Sometimes we cannot avoid suffering, but if we are going to suffer it is better to surrender to the will of God and to suffer for doing good to bring glory to God than to suffer because of our stubborn or sinful choices.*

Genesis 50:19–20 (NKJV)

¹⁹Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?”

²⁰But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

- *Joseph’s ten brothers had betrayed him, sold him into slavery where he ended up being wrongful imprisoned because he chose to honour God, but ultimately his righteous character was vindicated, he was set free, and placed as the second most powerful ruler in all of Egypt. Ultimately, he was used by God to spare Egypt, the surrounding countries, and all his family including his brothers and father from a devastating famine.*
- *Joseph summarized all the years of suffering and injustice he experienced with the simple words, “But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive,” indicating that he had totally surrendered to the will of God and had*

allowed God to use all the experiences of his life, both the pleasant and the painful, the sweet and the bitter, for His glory.

- *Collectively, Joseph's experiences produced a man totally surrendered to the will of God and a man whom God could entrust with great authority who was not vindictive, self-willed, nor selfish.*
- *God used Joseph as a prophetic archetype of Jesus Christ. Joseph is one of the few characters in the Bible with no moral failure or who received no rebuke from God.*

Titus 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,

- *One of the essential qualities of godly leadership is that they must “not be self-willed.” They must be surrendered to the will of God.*

Luke 22

⁴⁴And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

- *“And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly” – As Jesus continued to pray, the battle intensified, but He continued to press into prayer and surrender to His Father's will.*
- *From this passage in Luke 22, we can also learn something from the disciple's response in the Garden of Gethsemane.*
- *In the story of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane we can observe a contrast between Jesus and His closest disciples.*

Luke 22

⁴⁰When He came to the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

- *“Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” – The disciples had to be encouraged to seek God in prayer so that they would not enter into temptation.*

- *The disciples lacked discernment as to what they were about to face, they lacked the wisdom of how to prepare, and they lacked the motivation to actually do something about it.*
- *Lack of discernment, lack of wisdom, and lack of motivation are symptomatic of those who struggle to surrender to God's will.*

1 Chronicles 12:32 (NKJV)

³²of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

- *The sons of Issachar are described in a very unique way, “who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.”*
- *The sons of Issachar were attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and aware of what God was doing. Of even greater importance, they knew “what Israel ought to do.”*
- *The name Issachar in the Hebrew means, “there is recompense” and truly if we are surrendered to the will of God, we will not only be aware of what He is doing, but aware of what He wants us to do, and we will be willing to actually do it!*
- *However, the disciples at this stage in their relationship with God were neither aware of God's plan of salvation, nor were they yet able or willing to flow with it.*
- *Soon Jesus would reveal Himself to His disciples as the risen Saviour and they would come to a place of laying down their lives for the will of God. The result was that their lives and ministries impacted all of mankind and all of history.*

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⁴⁶Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”

- *At this stage of the disciples' spiritual lives they still lacked maturity and intimacy with God.*

- *“He found them sleeping from sorrow” – In contrast with Jesus’ example of facing adversity, where He pressed into His relationship with His Father, the disciples retreated into sleep to try to avoid the sense of impending trouble and danger.*
- *“Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.” – Surrendering to the will of God is not a passive state, but an active pursuit.*
- *Surrendering to the will of God is not giving up, but getting up and pursuing God.*
- *“lest you enter into temptation” – If we do not surrender to the will of God, we will be taken prisoner by the will of the flesh.*
- *Surrendering to the will of man is the antithesis to surrendering to the will of God.*
- *When we surrender to the will of man it is normally out of compulsion or accompanied by threats, such as a person holding a gun to your head.*
- *Surrendering to the will of God is always a free choice motivated by God’s love and mercy for us and our love for Him. “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” (John 14:15).*

John 8:34 (NKJV)

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

John 8:36 (NKJV)

³⁶Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- *Surrendering to the will of God always produces freedom, while surrendering to the will of the flesh always produces bondage.*
- *Surrendering to the will of God does not necessarily mean taking the easiest journey, but it does mean taking the most glorious journey.*

Acts 9:15–17 (NKJV)

¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

¹⁶For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

¹⁷And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

- ***"I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake" – This is the prophetic word spoken over Apostle Paul's life at his conversion.***
- ***Years later, Apostle Paul's response to God's calling on his life and the accompanying suffering reflected not only a genuine satisfaction and joy, but a deep thankfulness to God, "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." (1 Timothy 1:12).***

Luke 2:52 (NIV)

⁵²And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Hebrews 5:8 (NKJV)

⁸though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

- ***The preceding verses clearly show that surrendering to the will of God is not just a momentary event, but also a journey involving a process of growing in our loving relationship with Him.***

1 John 4:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

- ***If God allows times of suffering in our lives, we must be fully convinced of His love for us and trust His good intentions and plans for our lives, thus excluding any room for fear.***
- ***Surrendering to the will of God during times of suffering does not mean surrendering to the suffering, but surrendering to God who comforts us and will lead us through our trials to certain victory.***

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

- *What does surrendering to the will of God look like during a time of suffering or testing?*
- *“For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - Surrendering to the will of God through unpleasant or painful experiences looks like “in everything give thanks to God,” not because the suffering is good, but because God is good even in the midst of suffering.*
- *When we give thanks to God even in the midst of difficult or painful circumstances, we first acknowledge that His goodness transcends whatever temporary situation we may face, and second that God’s ways are perfect and He makes all things work together for good for those who are loving Him. (Romans 8:28).*

Many years ago I was privileged to be in the film “The Hiding Place”. Every effort and expense were focused on the event of its premier in California. The Christian community was praying that this opening’s publicity would introduce the film to the general public. We settled into the auditorium. Suddenly, a little crackle of sound in front of the theater, people moved to the aisles, puffs of smoke flowed quickly! Someone intent on stopping that movie had thrown a bomb into the packed theater; a bomb marked with a swastika and filled with deadly gases. The crowd emptied onto the street, sirens preceded the fire engines, the ill were rushed to hospitals. Dr. Graham told us the premiere, so costly and so well intended, would be canceled! Plans prayed for and programmed were dismissed. God’s movie would lose its one sure chance for making itself known. We had lost! Except for one little thing; as we walked away from that darkened theater, we saw the mobile units of the media. They were coming to cover the bombing and, starting with the next morning’s news, our film that had struggled to get any kind of coverage, was on every morning, noon and evening news show! God is the Divine Transformer! What evil meant for destruction, God used for good! Let Him do that in your life today. Give Him the dilemma, the action taken against you, His child, and watch Him work.

Jeannette Clift George

- *One thing I have learned in my years as a Christian is that many times I don’t really know what is truly best for me. The things that I think would be best, sometimes are not and the things that I sometimes think are not good for me are sometimes the things I need most in my life to produce God character or to position me for the next step God has for my life.*

Matthew 16:24–26 (NKJV)

²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

²⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

²⁶For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

- *What does surrendering to the will of God look like when things are not the way we would want them to be?*
- **“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me” – Surrendering to the will of God looks like denying ourselves, going His way, and submitting to His plans.**
- *The end result of surrendering to the will of God is that we will find true satisfaction and the meaning of life.*

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NKJV)

³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

- *What does surrendering to the will of God look like in the midst of temptation?*
- *Surrendering to the will of God looks like saying “no” to the fleshly sinful desires and “yes” to God to sanctify us so we are free from the control of sin.*
- *The problem with Christians who give into temptation is not that their desires are too strong, but too weak. They are too easily pleased with foolish, destructive, and sinful behaviours which provide only a fleeting moment of pleasure instead of persevering to find the enduring joy and satisfaction of a life that is lived for Christ.*
- *“We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” C.S. Lewis*

1 John 5:3 (NKJV)

³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

- *What does surrendering to the will of God look like in relationship to God's commandments?*
- *Surrendering to the will of God looks like cheerful and wholehearted obedience.*

1 Peter 5:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

⁷casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

- *When we surrender to the will of God by humbling ourselves under His mighty hand, then in due time He will exalt us.*
- *When we don't surrender to the will of God during a trial, we mumble, grumble, and stumble, instead of knowing, flowing, and growing in the will of God.*

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- *When we surrender to the will of God even during times of trials and painful circumstances we grow in faith. If we are self-willed, even when times are good we become doubtful, discontent, and dissatisfied.*
- *Surrendering to the will of God means to focus on what God is doing and not what the enemy is doing.*

2 Thessalonians 3:1–3 (NKJV)

¹Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you,

²and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.

³But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

- *What does surrendering to the will of God look like when things seemed to be hitting a roadblock?*

- *“Pray for us that the word of the Lord may run swiftly ...” Surrendering to the will of God looks like intercession with tenacity and confidence in God’s faithfulness until we see His will done on earth as it is in Heaven.*
- *“But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one” – One of the key foundational truths that will enable us to be intercessors is knowing that God is faithful and will answer our petitions.*

Psalm 115:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’s; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

- *God has given the earth to the children of men that as we pray, intercede, and step out in faith surrendering to the will of God, we will see His will done on earth.*
- *Prayer and intercession are essential ingredients for us to see genuine biblical revival take place in our midst. However, genuine intercession can only take place when we are willing to surrender to the will of God.*

A Gracious Move – The Revival of the Isle of Lewis.

How did this gracious movement begin? In 1949, the local presbytery issued a proclamation to be read on a certain Sunday in all the Free Churches on the Island of Lewis. This proclamation called the people to consider the "low state of vital religion . . . throughout the land . . . and the present dispensation of Divine displeasure . . . due to growing carelessness toward public worship . . . and the growing influence of the spirit of pleasure which has taken growing hold of the younger generation."

They called on the churches to "take these matters to heart and to make serious inquiry what must be the end if there be no repentance. We call upon every individual as before God to examine his or her life in light of that responsibility which attends to us all and that happily in divine mercy we may be visited with a spirit of repentance and turn again to the Lord whom we have so grieved."

Two praying sisters

I am not prepared to say what effect the reading of this declaration had upon the ministers or people of the island in general, but I do know that in the parish of Barvas a number of men and women took it to heart, especially two old women. I am ashamed to think of it, two sisters, one eighty-two, Christine, and one eight-four, Peggy, the latter blind and the former almost doubled-up with arthritis. These two women developed a great heart concern for God to do something in the parish and gave themselves to waiting upon God

in their little cottage.

One evening, the older sister, Peggy, the one who was blind, had a vision. Now don't ask me to explain this vision because I cannot, but strange things happen when God begins to move. We have got to understand that in revival remarkable things happen. It is supernatural; you are not moving on human levels; you are moving in divine places. In the vision, she saw the churches crowded with young people and she told her sister, "I believe revival is coming to the parish."

In the early hours of a winter's morning in 1949, in their little cottage near Barvas village on the Isle of Lewis in the Scottish Hebrides, the two sisters were to be found in earnest prayer. That morning, God visited them in a special way, giving them an unshakeable assurance that the revival they and others had been praying about for months, was near. Peggy, speaking in Gaelic (for they could not speak English) told her sister, "This is what God has promised: 'I will pour water upon him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground', and we are dealing with a covenant-keeping God".

Some months previously, Peggy had received a dream from God in which she was shown that revival was coming and the church would be crowded again with young people. At the time, that seemed most unlikely. There had been a definite movement of the Spirit of God just before World War 2, but the war had taken its toll. By 1949, the younger generation was drifting away from God.

After her dream, Peggy sent for her minister, James Murray MacKay, and told him what she believed was a revelation from God. The parish minister was a God-fearing man, a man who longed to see God working. Oh, he had tried ever so many things to get the youth of the parish interested, but not one single teenager attended the church. That was the situation. Well, what did the old lady have to say to him? I'll tell you what she said: "I am sure, Mr. McKay, that you are longing to see God working. What about calling your office bearers together and suggesting to them that you spend two nights a week waiting upon God? You have tried missions, you have tried special evangelists, Mr. McKay, have you tried God?" Oh, I tell you this is a wonderful old woman. So he meekly obeyed and said, "Yes, I'll call the session together and I will suggest that we meet on Tuesday night and Friday night, and we'll spend the whole night in prayer." I tell you, dear people, here were men who meant business. The dear old lady said, "Well, if you do that, my sister and I will get on our knees at ten o'clock on Tuesday and ten o'clock on Friday and pray until 4 a.m. . . ." This man of God responded, and for months he and others met to do business with God 2 nights a week in real prayer. The minister's wife also had a dream in which she saw the church filled with people who were obviously concerned about their souls.

Revival is coming

The very same day that God gave the two elderly sisters the assurance about the coming revival, there had also been a group praying with the Rev. MacKay at about 10 PM in a barn in Barvas (about 12 miles away from Stornoway). While kneeling on the straw they

pleaded with Almighty God. A young deacon from the Free Church stood up and read Ps. 24: "Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false" (ps 24:3,4). He read the passage again and then challenged the praying group, "Brethren, we have been praying for weeks waiting on God, but I would like to ask now, are your hands clean? Are your hearts pure?" As they continued to wait before God, His awesome presence swept into the barn. At 4 AM, they (in the words of Duncan Campbell) "moved out of the realm of the common and the natural into the sphere of the super-natural, and that is revival".

It was Duncan Campbell of the Faith Mission that Rev. MacKay felt led to invite to Barvas for special meetings. The leading was confirmed by Peggy Smith. She told him that "one night, in a vision, the Lord had revealed to her not only that revival was coming, but also the identity of the instrument He had chosen to use: Duncan Campbell".

At first, Duncan Campbell refused the immediate invitation and put it in his diary for the following year. When the two praying sisters heard this, they simply said, "This is what man has said. God said he was coming, and he will be here within the fortnight". And sure enough, he was! (When he came he intended on only staying a few weeks but ended up staying there for two fully years.)

Although there was a great spirit of expectancy at the first meeting, and although there was a freedom in the Spirit, nothing very remarkable happened. After the meeting, it was suggested that about 30 of them retire in a nearby cottage to spend the night in prayer.

God begins to move

Duncan Campbell described what happened, "God was beginning to move; the heavens were opening. We were there on our faces before God. At 3 AM, God swept in! About a dozen men and women lay on the floor, speechless. Something had happened. We knew that the forces of darkness were going to be driven back, and men were going to be delivered. We left the cottage at 3 AM to discover men and women seeking God. They walked on a country road and found 3 men on their faces, crying to God for mercy. There was a light in every home; no-one seemed to think of sleep."

When Duncan and his friends gathered at the church later in the morning, the place was crowded. A stream of buses came from every part of the Island, yet no-one could discover who had told them to come. A butcher in his van brought 7 men from a distance of 17 miles. All 7 were gloriously converted. Now the revival was really under way. The Spirit of God was at work. All over the church, men and women were crying for mercy. That meeting went on until 4 AM the following morning.

Even then, Duncan Campbell was unable to go to bed. As he was leaving the church, a messenger summoned him to go to the local police station. They were in great spiritual distress; under the still, star-lit sky, he found men and women on the road, others by the side of a cottage and some behind a peat stack, all crying to God for mercy. The revival

had come.

That went on for 5 weeks with services from early morning till late at night or early in the morning. Then it spread to the neighbouring parishes. What had happened in Barvas was repeated over and over again. The sacred presence of God was everywhere. Sinners found themselves unable to escape it.

Before the revival, Stornoway had one of the highest drinking rates in Scotland, and 'bothans', illegal and unlicensed drinking places, flourished. After the revival, one publican mourned, "The drink trade on the Island is ruined."

Continued blessings

Although the peak of the revival was between 1949 and 1952, the blessing continued to flow for many years. Even in 1957, God again manifested His power, this time, to the great delight of Duncan Campbell, it was on the Island of North Uist. It was a recognised fact that Uist had never known revival. Local ministers testified that the move in Uist was even greater than the previous move in Lewis. Again, the move of the Spirit of God was carried on by believing prayer and through faithful preaching of the Word of God. There was, however, an unusual note, for God chose as His main instrument in Uist, 4 sister pilgrims of the faith mission. Meetings were crowded and night after night, people were found crying to God for salvation.

Many young men from the Hebridian revival heard the call of God and entered the ministry. Others answered the call to the mission field.

Duncan Campbell once wrote: "Those who seek God for revival must be prepared for God to work in His own way and not according to their program. His sovereignty does not relieve men of responsibility. God is the God of revival, but man is the human agent through whom revival is possible. Desire for revival is one thing, confident anticipation that their desire will be fulfilled is another."

It takes the supernatural to break the bonds of the natural. You can make a community mission-conscious. You can make a community crusade-conscious. But only God can make a community God-conscious. Just think about what would happen if God came to any community in power. I believe that day is coming. May God prepare us all for it.??
 ?Duncan Campbell (1898-1672) - A fiery Scottish preacher used of God in revival. He is most famous for being involved in the Lewis Awakening in the Hebrides Islands in Scotland.

- ***Intercession that produces revival requires believers to fully surrender to the will of God.***
- ***Intercession requires a deep desire and desperation to see God move and for people's lives to be changed.***

- *Intercession requires perseverance and to continue to stay in prayer even when things don't appear to be changing.*
- *Revival is evident when deep conviction of sin, repentance, and transformed lives become evident.*
- *The simplest definition of revival is a return to biblical Christianity as we read in the New Testament and specifically in the Book of Acts.*
- *For us to see revival come to our city, to our country, and to this world requires Christians willing to surrender their lives to the will of God and consecrate themselves and their time to intercede to see God's will done.*

Подчиняться воли Божьей

- Самый лучший пример подчинения воли Божьей показанно в жизни нашего Господа, Иисус Христа. Самый большой момент Его жизни который служит примером полного подчинения воли Божьей это в Гефсиманском Саду прямо перед Его распятием.

От Луки 22:39-46

³⁹ **И, выйдя, пошел по обыкновению на гору Елеонскую, за Ним последовали и ученики Его.**

⁴⁰ **Придя же на место, сказал им: молитесь, чтобы не впасть в искушение.**

⁴¹ **И Сам отошел от них на вержение камня, и, преклонив колени, молился,**

⁴² **говоря: Отче! о, если бы Ты благоволил пронести чашу сию мимо Меня! впрочем не Моя воля, но Твоя да будет.**

⁴³ **Явился же Ему Ангел с небес и укреплял Его.**

⁴⁴ **И, находясь в борении, прилежнее молился, и был пот Его, как капли крови, падающие на землю.**

⁴⁵ **Встав от молитвы, Он пришел к ученикам, и нашел их спящими от печали**

⁴⁶ **и сказал им: что вы спите? встаньте и молитесь, чтобы не впасть в искушение.**

- Мы можем научиться много чему о подчинении воли Божьей от этого отрывка
- «³⁹ **И, выйдя, пошел по обыкновению на гору Елеонскую**» - Иисуса подчинённая жизнь видна в Его неизменной дисциплине проводить время с Его Отцом в молитве.

От Иоанна 15:9

⁹ Как возлюбил Меня Отец, и Я возлюбил вас; пребудьте в любви Моей.

- Иисус был полностью уверен о Его Отцовской любви
- Иисус постоянно испытывал реальность Его Отцовской любви
- Иисус был полностью предан к любви Его Отца
- Как можем **мы** пребывать в Христовой любви?

От Иоанна 15:10

¹⁰ Если заповеди Мои соблюдете, пребудете в любви Моей, как и Я соблюл заповеди Отца Моего и пребываю в Его любви.

- Мы пребываем в Его любви когда соблюдаем Его заповеди и подчиняемся воли Божьей
- Пребывать в Христовой любви не просто «чувство» но «знание» и уверенность в Его любви и верности к нам, имея убеждение что «Он нас никогда не оставит и не покинет» (К Евреям 13:5)

- Христиане которые постоянно ищут эмоциональное испытание чтобы быть уверенны в Божьей любви в конце борются с доверием к Богу в тяжелые времена

От Иоанна 15:7

⁷ Если пребудете во Мне и слова Мои в вас пребудут, то, чего ни пожелаете, просите, и будет вам.

- «⁷ Если пребудете во Мне» - это относится к учению пребывать в молитве
- «⁷ и слова Мои в вас пребудут» - это относится к учению пребывать в Его слове через чтение, учение, и размышление

От Луки 22:41-43

⁴¹ И Сам отошел от них на вержение камня, и, преклонив колени, молился,

⁴² говоря: Отче! о, если бы Ты благоволил пронести чашу сию мимо Меня! впрочем не Моя воля, но Твоя да будет.

⁴³ Явился же Ему Ангел с небес и укреплял Его.

- «И Сам отошел от них на вержение камня» - Вместо того чтобы отклонится от Отца в самое трудное время Его жизни, Он отклонился от мира чтобы быть с Отцем
- Некоторые Христиане, когда переносят испытания, искушения или трудности, отклоняются от Бога и погружаются в боль и замешательство, но Иисус в самое трудное время уединился чтобы быть с Его Отцем
- «Отче! о, если бы Ты благоволил пронести чашу сию мимо Меня! впрочем не Моя воля, но Твоя да будет» - Иисус не пришел к Отцу чтобы выйти из положения, но чтобы подтвердить Его преданность к Отцу и сознать что Отцовская воля совершенна, и чтобы подчиниться воли Отца
- «Явился же Ему Ангел с небес и укреплял Его» - Отец отозвался к подчинению Иисуса вот так – Он послал ангела укрепить Иисуса чтобы Он смог пройти через крест Голгофы с победой
- Иногда Христиане молятся чтобы избежать трудностей, как бы это не стоило, но Бог хочет чтобы мы подчинились Его воли и доверились Ему, не смотря если мы получаем избавление из трудной ситуации, или же получаем победу когда проходим через трудности

1-е Петра 3:17

¹⁷ Ибо, если угодно воле Божией, лучше пострадать за добрые дела, нежели за злые;

- Иногда мы не можем избежать страдания, но если будем страдать, лучше подчиниться воли Божьей и страдать за добрые дела которые приносят славу Богу чем страдать изза наших упрямых или греховных решениях

Бытие 50:19-20

¹⁹ И сказал Иосиф: не бойтесь, ибо я боюсь Бога;

²⁰ вот, вы умышляли против меня зло; но Бог обратил это в добро, чтобы сделать то, что теперь есть: сохранить жизнь великому числу людей;

- Иосифа десять братьев предали его, и продали в рабство, где он был неправо заключён в темнице за то что избрал почитать Бога, но в конце концов он был оправдан ради своего праведного характера, и был освобождён, и поставлен вторым над всем Египтом. В конце концов, Бог использовал его чтобы спасти Египет, и окружающие страны, и всю его семью включая братьев и отца от ужасного голода
- Иосиф так сказал о своих прожитых годах мучения и испытанной несправедности: «вы умышляли против меня зло; но Бог обратил это в добро, чтобы сделать то, что теперь есть: сохранить жизнь великому числу людей», показывая что он полностью подчинился воли Божьей и разрешил Богу использовать всё пережитое в его жизни, хорошее и плохое, сладкое и горькое, для Его славы
- Коллективно, Иосифа испытания произвели человека который полностью предан воли Божьей и человека которого Бог мог доверить с великой властью, который не искал мщения, своеволия или жадности
- Бог использовал Иосифа как пробраз Иисуса Христа. Иосиф один из нескольких людей из библии который не испытал морального провала или упреков от Бога

К Титу 1:7

⁷ Ибо епископ должен быть непорочен, как Божий домостроитель, не дерзок, не гневлив, не пьяница, не бийца, не корыстолюбец,

- Один из необходимых качеств благочестивого руководства это не быть «дерзким» (своевольным), но подчиняться воли Божьей

От Луки 22:44

⁴⁴ И, находясь в борении, прилежнее молился, и был пот Его, как капли крови, падающие на землю.

- «⁴⁴ И, находясь в борении, прилежнее молился» - Когда Иисус продолжал молиться, то битва усилилась, но Он продолжал прилежней молиться и подчиняться Его Отцовской воли
- В послании от Луки 22, мы также можем научиться от происшедшего с учениками в Гефсеманском Саду.
- В истории где Иисус молится в Гефсеманском Саду, мы можем увидеть разницу между Иисусом и Его ближайшими учениками

От Луки 22:40

⁴⁰ Придя же на место, сказал им: молитесь, чтобы не впасть в искушение.

- «молитесь, чтобы не впасть в искушение» - Апостолов надо было наставить обратиться Богу в молитве, чтобы не впасть в искушение
- Ученики не разумели что предстоит перед ними, и не имели мудрости как подготовиться, и у них не хватало мотивации чтобы действовать
- Недостаток распознавания, недостаток мудрости, и недостаток мотивации, это признаки тех кто борются против Божьей воли

1-я Паралипоменон 12:32

³² из сынов Иссахаровых [пришли] люди разумные, которые знали, что когда надлежало делать Израилю, --их было двести главных, и все братья их следовали слову их;

- О сынов Иссахаровых написано что они были «люди разумные, которые знали, что когда надлежало делать Израилю»
- Сыны Иссахара были прилежны к вождению Духа Святого и понимали что Бог делал. Но более важно, они знали **«что надлежало делать Израилю»**
- Имя Иссахар по Еврейски означает «есть воздаяние» и истинно если мы подчиняемся воли Божьей мы будем понимать не только что он делает, но что Он хочет делать, и мы будем с желанием это делать
- Однако же, ученики в настоящем положении их отношения с Богом не понимали Божий план спасения, и не могли и даже не хотели быть водимы Им
- Вскоре Иисус открылся Своим ученикам как воскресший Спаситель и они достигли того состояния когда могли положить свои жизни для воли Божьей. В результате их жизни и служения коснулись всего человечества и всю историю
 - ⁴⁵ **Встав от молитвы, Он пришел к ученикам, и нашел их спящими от печали**
 - ⁴⁶ **и сказал им: что вы спите? встаньте и молитесь, чтобы не впасть в искушение.**
- В их настоящем духовном состоянии, ученики не имели достаточно зрелости и близости с Богом
- **«и нашел их спящими от печали»** - в противоположности примера Иисуса когда Его постигали трудности и Он усиленно искал близости со Своим Отцом, ученики уснули чтобы избежать чувства приближающихся тревоги и опасности
- **«что вы спите? встаньте и молитесь, чтобы не впасть в искушение»** - Подчинение воли Божьей не есть пассивное состояние, но активное устремление

- Подчинение воли Божьей не значит сдаваться, но подниматься и стремиться за Богом
- «чтобы не впасть в искушение» - Если мы не подчинимся воли Божьей, мы сдадимся под власть плоти
- Подчиняться воли человека есть полная противоположность к подчинению воли Божьей
- Когда мы подчиняемся воли человека, обычно это из принуждения или угроз. Это как бы кто-то поставил пистолет к вашей голове
- Подчиняться воли Божьей это всегда наш свободный выбор, побуждённый Божьей любовью и милостью к нам и нашей любовью к Нему. «¹⁵ Если любите Меня, соблюдайте Мои заповеди» (От Иоанна 14:15)

От Иоанна 8:34, 36

³⁴ Иисус отвечал им: истинно, истинно говорю вам: всякий, делающий грех, есть раб греха.

³⁶ Итак, если Сын освободит вас, то истинно свободны будете.

- Подчиняться воли Божьей всегда производит свободу, а подчинение плоти всегда производит рабство
- Подчинение воли Божьей не значит брать наилегчайший путь, но это значит идти по самому славному пути

Деяния 9:15-17

¹⁵ Но Господь сказал ему: иди, ибо он есть Мой избранный сосуд, чтобы возвестить имя Мое перед народами и царями и сынами Израилевыми.

¹⁶ И Я покажу ему, сколько он должен пострадать за имя Мое.

¹⁷ Анания пошел и вошел в дом и, возложив на него руки, сказал: брат Савл! Господь Иисус, явившийся тебе на пути, которым ты шел, послал меня, чтобы ты прозрел и исполнился Святаго Духа.

- «¹⁶ И Я покажу ему, сколько он должен пострадать за имя Мое» - Это пророчество было сказано апостолу Павлу во время преобразования
- Годами позже, отзыв Апостола Павла на Божий призыв к посвященной жизни и соответствующим мучениям, показывает не только искреннее удовлетворение и радость, но и глубокое благодарство Богу, «Благодарю давшего мне силу, Христа Иисуса, Господа нашего, что Он признал меня верным, определив на служение» (1-е Тимофею 1:12)

От Луки 2:52

⁵² Иисус же преуспевал в премудрости и возрасте и в любви у Бога и человеков.

К Евреям 5:8

⁸ хотя Он и Сын, однако страданиями навывк послушанию,

- Эти стихи явно показывают что подчинение воли Божьей не несть мгновенное событие, но путешествие которое вырабатывает в нас любовное отношение с Ним

1-е Иоанна 4:18

¹⁸ В любви нет страха, но совершенная любовь изгоняет страх, потому что в страхе есть мучение. Боящийся несовершен в любви.

- Если Бог допускает страдания в нашей жизни, мы должны быть полностью уверенны о Его любви к нам и доверятся что Его намерения и планы для нашей жизни есть добрые, и таким образом изгонять страх
- Подчиняться воли Божьей во время страданий не значит подчиняться страданиям, но подчиняться Богу который утешивает нас и проводит через испытания к победе

1-е Фессалоникийцам 5:18

¹⁸ За все благодарите: ибо такова о вас воля Божия во Христе Иисусе.

- Как смотрится подчинение Богу во время мучения или испытания?
- «ибо такова о вас воля Божия во Христе Иисусе» - Подчинение воли Божьей среди неприятных или болючих приключений смотрится так: «За все благодарите», не потому что мучения хороши, но потому что Бог есть добрый даже среди мучений
- Когда мы благодарим Бога даже среди тяжелых или болючих приключений, мы в первых сознаём что Его доброта превышает нашего временного положения, и во вторых что Божьи пути совершенны и «любящим Бога, призванным по [Его] изволению, все содействует ко благу.» (К Римлянам 8:28)
- Billy Graham - story
- Jeannette Clift George (которая играла роль Corrie Ten Boome)
«Одно я научилась за все года которые я была верующей, это что много раз я просто не знаю что самое наилучшее для меня. Иногда то что я думаю самым хорошим получается совсем не то, а то что мне кажется не хорошим как раз для меня потребно чтобы произвести Божий характер или приготовить меня к следующему шагу моей жизни

От Матфея 16:24-26

²⁴ Тогда Иисус сказал ученикам Своим: если кто хочет идти за Мною, отвергнись себя, и возьми крест свой, и следуй за Мною,

²⁵ ибо кто хочет душу свою сберечь, тот потеряет ее, а кто потеряет душу свою ради Меня, тот обретет ее;

²⁶какая польза человеку, если он приобретет весь мир, а душе своей повредит? или какой выкуп даст человек за душу свою?

- Как смотрится подчинение Богу когда не всё получается как мы хотим?
- «если кто хочет идти за Мною, отвергнись себя, и возьми крест свой, и следуй за Мною» - Подчинятся воли Божьей значит отвергнуть себя, следовать за Ним, и покориться Его планам
- Когда мы подчиняемся воли Божьей, мы найдём настоящее удовлетворение и смысл жизни

1-е Фессалоникийцам 4:3

³Ибо воля Божия есть освящение ваше, чтобы вы воздерживались от блуда;

- Как смотрится подчинение Божьей воли среди искушений?
- Подчинение Божьей воли значит говорить «нет» плотским похотям и говорить «да» Богу, чтобы Он нас освятил чтобы мы были свободны от контроля греха
- Проблема с христианами которые поддаются искушению не та что их желания слишком сильны, но слишком слабы. Они легко забавляются безрассудным, разрушительным, и греховным поведением которое приносит временное удовольствие вместо того чтобы приложить усилие найти вечную радость и наслаждение жизни живя для Христа
- «Мы являемся полу-сердечным творением, балуясь с напитками и сэксом и мечтами, когда нам предлагается вечная радость. Но мы, как невежественный ребёнок который лепит пироги с грязи живя в трущобе и не представляет что такое отдых на берегу моря. Мы слишком удовлетворяемы.» C.S. Lewis

1-е Иоанна 5:3

³Ибо это есть любовь к Богу, чтобы мы соблюдали заповеди Его; и заповеди Его нетяжки.

- Как смотрится подчинение воли Божьей в отношении Божьих заповедях?
- Подчинение воли Божьей есть радостное и искреннее повиновение

1-е Петра 5:6-7

⁶Итак смиритесь под крепкую руку Божию, да вознесет вас в свое время.

⁷Все заботы ваши возложите на Него, ибо Он печется о вас.

- Когда мы подчиняемся воли Божьей смиряя себя под Его крепкую руку, в своё время Он возвысит нас
- Когда мы **не** подчиняемся воли Божьей среди испытаний, мы начинаем роптать и спотыкаться, вместо того чтобы понимать, изливаться и расти в Божьей воли

- Когда мы подчиняемся воли Божьей даже среди трудностях и тяжелых испытаниях, мы растём в вере. Но если мы свое-вольны, даже в хороших времена мы начинаем сомневаться, негодовать и недовольствоваться
- Подчиняться воли Божьей значит сосредоточиться на Божию работу а не на то что враг делает

2-е Фессалоникийцам 3:1-3

3 Итак молитесь за нас, братия, чтобы слово Господне распространялось и прославлялось, как и у вас,

² и чтобы нам избавиться от беспорядочных и лукавых людей, ибо не во всех вера.

³ Но верен Господь, Который утвердит вас и сохранит от лукавого.

- Как смотрится подчинение воли Божьей когда в вашей жизни преграда?
- «молитесь за нас, братия, чтобы слово Господне распространялось» - Подчинение воли Божьей есть ходатайство с чувство стойкости и уверенности что Бог верен до тех пор когда Его воля исполнится на земле так как как Небе.
- «Но верен Господь, Который утвердит вас и сохранит от лукавого» - Один из ключей фундаментальной истинны который поможет нам ходатайствовать в молитве, это знать что Бог есть верен и ответить наши просьбы

Псалтирь 115:16

¹⁶ (113-24) Небо--небо Господу, а землю Он дал сынам человеческим

- Бог дал землю сынам человеческим чтобы мы молились, ходатайствовали и выступали с верой, подчиняясь воли Божьей, чтобы увидели как Его воля совершается на земле
- Молитва и ходатайство необходимы чтобы увидеть настоящее библейское пробуждение в нашем стредстве. Однако, настоящее ходатайство происходит только тогда когда мы готовы подчинится воли Божьей
- История – A Gracious Move – The Revival of the Isle of Lewis
- Ходатайство которое приносит пробуждение требует чтобы верующие полностью подчинились воли Божьей
- Ходатайство требует глубокое желание и отчаяние видеть как Бог действует и жизни людей меняются
- Ходатайство требует настойчивость и продолжительную молитву, даже когда кажется что ничего не меняется
- Пробуждение является после глубокого осознания греха, прощения, и преобразованной жизни
- Самое простое значение пробуждения это возврат к библейскому Христианству как мы читаем в Новом Завете, особенно в книге Деяния

- Если мы хотим увидеть пробуждение в нашем городе, в нашей стране, и по всему миру, мы как Христиане должны добровольно подчиниться воли Божьей и посвятить себя и наше время для ходатайствования, чтобы Божья воля свершилась.