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Standing Strong in the Will of God



Colossians 4:12 (TNIV)

“Epaphras . . . is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured”



Ephesians 5

“Find out what pleases the Lord”
(Ephesians 5:10)

“Understand what the will of the
Lord is” (Ephesians 5:17)



Romans 12:2

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is...



Romans 12:2

His will is ...

Good
Acceptable
Perfect



Two Extremes

1) When you don't care about the will of God for your life.

2) When you worry about the will of God for your life.



Choice Overload

- The more options we have, the harder it is to make decisions ...
- ... and the less likely it is we will be satisfied with our decisions



Two Realities

- 1) God is in control, and his plan will be worked out
- 2) We have the responsibility to make choices and live with the consequences



Our Question:

- In big decisions
- In little decisions ...
- How can we confidently and routinely live according to the will of God?



Genesis 24

A Great Family of Faith,
Led by God



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- He meets Rebekah, she agrees, and Isaac and Rebekah get married and fall in love



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If you lack wisdom, ask God (James 1:5)



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“The LORD directs the steps of the godly; he delights in every detail of their lives” (Psalm 37:23 NLT)



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Genesis 24:7, 40; 12, 15, 26-27



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2) Make decisions according to God's guidelines (his Word)

Choose your habits by this standard



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“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105)



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Genesis 24:3-6



What can we learn about being led by God?

3) Use God-given wisdom

- Circumstances and opportunities
- Wise counsel from others
- Confirmation from others who are involved
- Your “divine design” and your compatibility with others



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4) Align your choices, values, and habits with the promises and program of God

Genesis 24:7, 60



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What matters to God should matter most to us.

In Mark 12:28-31 Jesus said, Love God fully, and love your neighbor as yourself



What can we learn about being led by God?

5) Pray, with confidence in God's ability to lead you!

“Stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured” (Colossians 4:12)



The Lord's Table

In view of God's mercy, offer yourself
as a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable – this is true worship

Romans 12:1

