

# GOD'S WILL MADE SIMPLE

*A Study on Discovering God's Will*

Colossians 1:9-14

## **GOD'S WILL - A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE**

- ✓ GOD'S WILL IS NOT SO MUCH ABOUT THE DECISIONS WE MAKE AS IT IS ABOUT THE LIFE WE LIVE.

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*Whenever in doubt...*

### ❶ DO GOOD DEEDS THAT BEAR FRUIT.

(Col. 1:10, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 2:11-12)

### ❷ GET TO KNOW GOD BETTER.

(Col. 1:10, Philippians 3:7-16, Ephesians 1:17-19)

### ❸ TOUGHEN UP.

(Col. 1:11, 1 Peter 5:7-10, 1 Cor. 7:20-21)

### ❹ BE THANKFUL.

(Col. 1:12-14, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

# REALife Application

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1. Last weekend we explored how God's will is simpler than we tend to imagine it to be. Which of the four points resonated with you the most and why? What area of your life did that point help shed light to?
2. What are some ways that one could apply the principles of 'doing good deeds that bear fruit' in the area of marriage, parenting, work, relationships, etc? How could doing good deeds for those close to you change the way that person views God or views you? Read Matthew 5:16 and Matthew 6:1-21. What is the tension between these two passages and how does one reconcile that tension?
3. God's deep desire for people is to know Him and to increase in that 'knowing' Him. Is your knowing growing? What are some ways that you are cultivating and nourishing that knowledge of who God is? What are some life long habits that could help you in knowing God better?
4. What is an area in your life where you know that you should toughen up and is that hard to do? What kind of help do you need so that you don't find discouragement and bitterness?
5. What are somethings in your life to be thankful for? Is there something that you could identify to be thankful for in your toughest situation right now? How can the group be praying for you in that area?

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