KINGDOM PERSPECTIVES



How things fit together in the Kingdom

"God's Will"

There's a lot of theological teaching out there about "God's will", but to understand what it is, we need to approach the topic from a Kingdom perspective. If we use our minds to find out what his will is, by using the Bible, we're bound to get it wrong in many ways.

To start with, the basics about will are these: (1) Father has his will (which is the same as the King's will); and (2) we've been given free-will. The fact that we have autonomy to make our own decisions, seems to contradict the notion that we <u>must</u> adhere to 'God's' will 'at all costs'. So, the 'line to take' for sons is to get a balance in how we make decisions. He will usually let us know what he'd like us to do, but we need to be constantly listening with our spirit to hear him. Importantly, most of his instructions are gentle promptings, not prominent ones that can't be missed.

So, how can we align with his will for us if we keep missing his quiet instructions and directives?

One thing that Father has shown me is that he has his plans for us – which could be called his will – but these aren't fixed. We can very easily bring condemnation on ourselves when we realise that he's always communicating with us, but we miss most of it. Instead of being fixed and changeless, when we deviate from his will, he rearranges our circumstances and those of other people, so that he can bring us to the point where he wanted us to be, just later on 'down the track'. Because he does this, we don't need to feel condemned because we make decisions contrary to what the Spirit has shown us. In addition, we don't need to be 'hard on ourselves' because we don't hear him clearly.

Why, then, do we fear being out of his will for us?

We think his will is set in stone and must be obeyed like a master and a slave. We think that if we don't adhere to his will, then there are consequences. That's the fearful life that religion and legalism trap us in.

In reality, we're in an intimate relationship with Father and the King, so we're family,⁵ not servants⁶ – sonship must be our identity.⁷ Living out of our sonship puts us in line with our kindred relationship with them, not in a place of opposition and fear.

and for the Kingdom. However, as we aren't perfect, we need to adhere to the reality that we're holy and forgiven because that's what Jesus did for us – it's complete. Therefore, we can lift our heads and endeavour to walk in line with Father as best we can. As we do that, we must leave the outcomes with

- 1 "Should We Make Our Own Decisions?" (26-3-2023) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Should-We-Make-Our-Own-Decisions.pdf
- 2 'God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to each of them by name, out of relationship. From my oneness with them, I collectively refer to them as The Trinity.
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- 4 "Father Works on a Mosaic of Our Lives" (27-1-2024)
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him, and maintain our peace and rest, just as he wants us to.

Being, Not Doing

One of the changes that takes place as we mature in our sonship is that we <u>cease being just a **do-er**</u>, and <u>live out of **being**</u> a son in oneness with the Trinity. Being indoctrinated to be a do-er, to please 'God'⁸ so we don't come under his so-called wrath, makes us dogmatic about doing his will. That mindset is one of immaturity, Kingdom wise, so we need to move past it into the reality that exists for us as sons.

Mike Parsons addressed this very thing in a recent mentoring session:

"You're in the process of going from a 'do-er' to a 'be-er', and that can be quite disorientating because, as you say, the previous ways that you learned were mostly about being directed or feeling that you needed to do what God said. The 'dos' and the 'shoulds' and all of that type of stuff. When you come to a more intimate place, there's a transition into a knowing, sensing, of being connected to the Father's Heart, of just feeling his heart, in which he's giving you more space just to be, and so removing often a lot of the doing things. They're not the issue, but they can be driving you, if you're so used to living that sort of way. Until you get some space to find this other way, and be more comfortable with it, then sometimes God does sort of remove some of the doings, and as you say, losing some of your anchor points. Because those anchor points were probably based in the familiarity of the 'shoulds' and 'dos' and your mindset towards God, coming probably from more a works-based format or way of thinking. And, hearing his voice does become more instinctive, more knowing, more being at one with, rather than almost an external direction of, "go this way", "do this". He's giving you more freedom to be you, and to mature, and to grow in sonship, and I think that's a great thing."

(Permission to quote Mike Parsons received on 20-7-2020)

It should be plain to see now, why we really need to be fully deprogrammed and reprogrammed by Father so we are free of all bondages. This freedom allows us to be at ease with what we're doing and the decisions we make. We'll then be living the Kingdom life we're meant to live as sons, not in religion that's 'policed' by legalism.

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To get a better understanding of some facets of the King's will that will help us be more even-keeled in our spiritual lives, read this corresponding prophetic message that I recorded after writing this article:

• MESSAGE: "The King's Will" (25-4-2024)¹⁰

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^{9 –} TRANSCRIPT: Mike Parsons (24-4-2024) "Embracing Being Over Doing: Journey to Intimacy" [Adjusted for straightforward reading] youtu.be/vXZOGQAPD2A [0:01-1:35]

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- ii Ephesians 1:7 "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (NKJV) Colossians 1:14 "in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (NKJV) Colossians 2:13 "And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses" (NKJV) 1 John 2:12 your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake (NKJV)