

THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE WAY

John 14:6 **Matthew 6:33-34** **Genesis 12:1-5**

Introduction: Some people don't know how to give directions, some people don't know how to follow directions but everybody can follow somebody who knows the way. In our world today everybody seems to have his/her own ideas about the things of God (if they believe in God) and therefore there are many different interpretations and applications of the Biblical truths. However in the midst of all this confusion about God and the Bible, there is One who knows exactly what is what and that is Jesus.

I. CHRISTIANS ASK GOD WHAT IS HIS WILL FOR THEM

1. Lord, what do you want me to do?
 Lord, when do you want me to do it?
 Lord, how do you want me to do it?
 Lord, where do you want me to do it?
 Lord, who is going to help me do it?
 Lord, what is going to be the outcome?
2. Or perhaps it is "Lord, just tell me what to do one step at a time and I will do it."
3. We want God to give us a detailed map of His will and then we take off on our own in attempt to do it our way.
4. There is ONE PERSON who really knows God's will for our lives and how to get it done and that person is Jesus.
 - Jesus did not say, "I will show you the way.."
 - Jesus did not say, "I will give you a map."
 - Jesus did not say, "I will tell you which direction to go."
 - Jesus said, "***I am the way...***" He knows the way for HE IS THE WAY.

II. SO WILL DOING WHAT JESUS SAYS PUT US IN THE CENTER OF GOD'S WILL?

1. No! We say, for Jesus doesn't really know what God's will is for us.
2. No! We say, for Jesus might mislead us and take us the wrong way.
3. No! Jesus wants us to wait until we understand everything clearly before starting out.
4. YES! If we follow Jesus one day at a time, we will be in the exact center of God's will at all times.
 - When we don't trust Jesus with our lives, then we worry about every little thing.
 - When we don't let Jesus guide us and do it alone, we become undecided and do not know what is right or wrong.

5. IF we do everything Jesus says, we will have plenty to do each day and meaning and purpose of life will become clear and we will be in the center of God's will for our lives.

III. ABRAHAM FOLLOWED GOD ONE DAY AT A TIME (*Genesis 12:1-5*)

1. How much detail did God give Abraham before telling him to leave?
2. How specific was God? Where did God want Abraham to go? How long would it take? How would all the needs be met?
3. Israel followed God for 40 years, one day at a time. God didn't reveal anymore to them than He did to Abraham, and He also met their needs.
4. Do you think you can follow God as Abraham and Israel did?
 - No! I don't think God does things like that anymore. I don't think God would ever ask us to do or go without explaining everything clearly and then ask us what we think.
 - I'm not sure I can start out following Jesus and not know for sure what's down the road.
 - Yes, I believe I can follow like Abraham, by faith and not by sight.
 - Fact: God does call us to do His will one day at a time, with no questions asked.

CONCLUSION:

1. ***Matthew 6:33-34***
 - Would you agree that Jesus is absolutely trustworthy and knows God's will for our lives?
 - Would you agree that one day at a time is the **ONLY** way to follow Jesus as He demands?
 - Would you agree that Jesus does not have to explain to us every detail involved in doing God's will?
 - Will you now let Jesus be your **WAY** in doing God's will for your live and live just day by day, allowing Jesus to direct and guide you?
2. The Christian who trusts today and the tomorrows to Jesus can quit worrying about whether God's will is being done or not.
3. Now, what do you think God wants you to do? Will you do it?