

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

**DIVINE GUIDANCE**

**1 Samuel 23:1–29**

**You have heard it said ...**

- **That God has a perfect will for every decision in our lives**
- **That we should live in the “center” of God’s will**
- **That God reveals to us precisely what this will is**
- **And that one of the keys to discerning this will is an inner state of peace or tranquility when that decision is made.**

**But I say to you ...**

- **This is not biblical**
- **This is a form of mysticism**

# **The Doctrine of the Will of God**

# **Five Things You Need to Know About Divine Guidance**

**1. God has clearly revealed His Will to us.  
You and I do not need to guess.**

**2. God's will is communicated differently in different dispensations.**



**3. God's foremost will is for every human being to believe in Jesus and be saved.**

**1 Tim. 2:3, “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,**

**1 Tim. 2:4, “who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”**

**John 6:40, “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”**

**4. God's second will is for every believer to grow spiritually.**

**1 John 2:17, “And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”**

**Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”**

**Rom. 6:13, “And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”**

**Rom. 6:16, “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?”**

**Rom. 6:19, “I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.”**

**2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”**

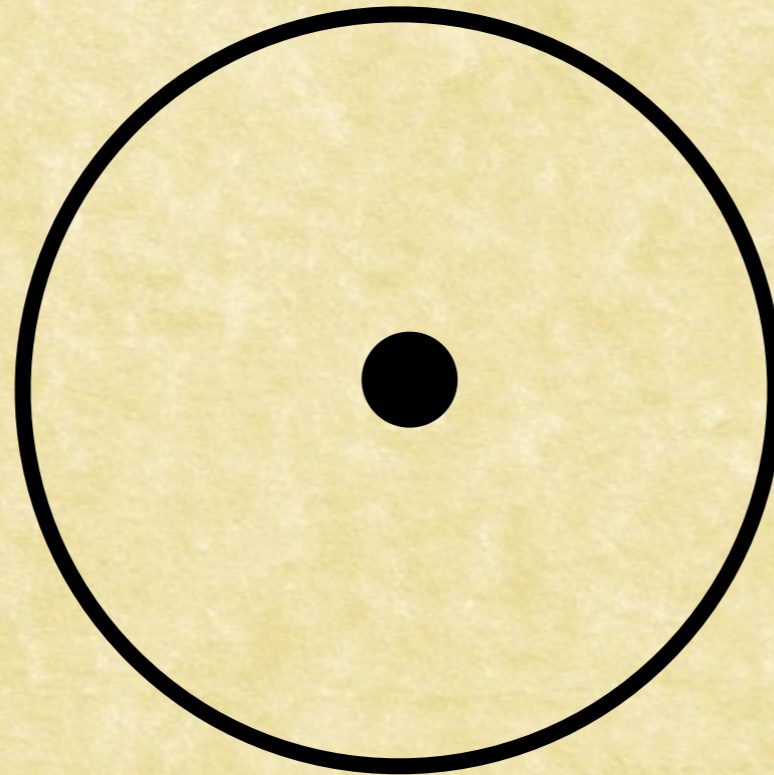
**5. The Christian life is designed to give evidence that God's will is perfect.**

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# **Misconceptions About God's Will**



# Living in the Center of God's Will



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God has a *specific* will for how and what each believer thinks.

God has a *specific* operational will for each believer.

God always has a specific geographical will for every believer.

God always has a specific will for every decision we make in life—including a *right man or woman*, a *right job*, a *right congregation*, or a *right pastor*.

