

Love God



with all your mind

Key scriptures

Luke 22:42-44

Romans 12:2

Romans 8:28-30

Main Points

1. Jesus modelled for us how to overcome our humanity and submit our will under God's. (Luke 22:42-44)
2. Jesus could submit because He knew His Father. (Matthew 11:27, John 1:18)
3. Jesus has made the Father known to us. (John 14:7)
4. Knowing God means knowing His character and that we can trust in Him. (Proverbs 3:5-6, John 10:2-4)
5. God's will is found in following Jesus who only acts and speaks within God's will. (John 6:38, John 12:49)
6. Not knowing God leads us to act against His will. (John 16:2-3)
7. If you don't truly know God you can't truly know His word or His will.
8. God's plan is the plan, not just for the Kingdom, but also for us personally.
9. To understand God's will we need a renewed mind. (Romans 12:2)
10. A renewed mind requires us to reject the pattern of this world, its desires and values. (Romans 12:2, Matthew 6:25-33)
11. God's will may lead us to trying circumstances but God will work through these to grow us into the likeness of Christ. (Romans 8:28-30)
12. We need to choose each day the will of God over the pattern of this world. (John 2:15-17)
13. God leads us into His will by His Holy Spirit. (John 16:13-15)
14. God reveals His will as He chooses. (Ephesians 1:8-10)
15. Paul modelled praying for each other for this revelation. (Colossians 1:9-12, Ephesians 1:17)

Questions

1. What is God saying to you through this message and scriptures?
2. How does the Father make His will known to us?
3. What is the pattern you see in the world around you?
4. How can we overcome our unrenewed thinking and surrender our will for His?

Prayer

Pray for each other the words of Paul in Colossians 1:9-12 and Ephesians 1:17.

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