

INTENTIONAL CHRISTIAN

SEPTEMBER 25-29

It's not uncommon for us to wonder if we're traveling on the right path, especially when it comes to things like education, relationships, careers, and simply the everyday issues of life. And in the mix of it all—on more than one occasion—we tend to ask ourselves, "How do I know I'm on the path God planned for me?"

In this week's conversation, author Daniel Ryan Day leads the Discover the Word team on a journey of rediscovering the purpose for which God calls us. We'll talk about the importance of knowing God's will in every area and season of life.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you ever wonder if God is hiding His will from you? Sometimes it sure can feel like it, but Scripture reassures you He's not keeping it a secret. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18. What does the Bible say about God's will for you?
- Have you ever tried to lift a package that was just too heavy? Do you ever feel that the instructions we find in the Bible for living the Christian life are also "too heavy"? That's exactly how the people of Israel felt because of the expectations put in place by the Pharisees. Read Matthew 23:3b–4. How can these words help to "lighten the load"?
- Genesis 6:9 tells some important details about Noah's life. What can you learn from those details that can help you understand God's will for your own life?
- Read Matthew 22:37. How do we fulfill the demands of being an intentional Christian?
- Understanding God's will is not a secret. You can know God's will and depend on Him to bring it about in your life. Read 1 Peter 1:14–16. What is God's expectation for you?



CHALLENGE

Use this week's prayer as a conversation starter with your heavenly Father. Grab a cup of coffee and your journal and pray this prayer every day this week. Journal what God places on your heart and reflect on how it points you to His will for your life.



COMMIT TO MEMORY

"This is my command: Love each other."
(John 15:17 NIV).



PRAYER

Father, I know You want me to walk with You each day—to trust You for everything I need, including Your will for my life. Give me confidence as I seek You and trust Your Holy Word. Direct my steps and help me to walk in Your truths. And reveal to me Your will for my life. This I pray, believing in Jesus's name. Amen.