



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Knowing and Living the Will of God	SPEAKER	Pastor Daniel Foo
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The Bible calls believers to live wisely and deliberately, guided by His truth and aligned with His redemptive plan. God is eternal, all-knowing, and purposeful, yet He has given humanity the gift of free will. Every life is shaped by choices, and those choices reveal whether we are living with intention. The central question of this sermon is whether we choose to understand God's will and live according to it. Understanding the will of the Lord is essential, not optional, for a life that honours God, reflects His wisdom, and fulfils the purpose for which we were created.

THREE STRATEGIES FOR KNOWING AND LIVING THE WILL OF GOD

1. Understanding God's Will

When Scripture speaks about the will of God, two Greek words help us understand this more clearly: boulema and thelēma. Recognizing the difference between these two brings clarity and balance to how believers seek God's will.

- Boulema refers to God's sovereign and unchangeable purpose. It describes what God has decisively planned and will bring to pass according to His eternal wisdom. This aspect of God's will is not dependent on human choice. God's redemptive plan, fulfilled through Christ, belongs to His boulema. It reminds us that God is in control, working all things according to His greater purpose, even when we do not fully understand His ways.
- Thelēma, on the other hand, refers to God's revealed will, His commands and moral guidance, which we can choose to obey or not. God's desire is dependent on man's response. This is the will of God that believers are called to understand, obey, and live out daily. This includes how we live, how we treat others, how we make decisions, and how we align our lives with God's Word.

God's sovereign will give us confidence that He is in control, while God's revealed will gives us responsibility for how we live. True wisdom comes when believers rest in God's boulema and faithfully walk in His thelēma.

2. Wrestling with God's Will

From creation, Scripture shows that God works intentionally and in an orderly way. He exists outside of time, yet He acts within time according to His eternal plan. Psalm 139 reminds us that God knows our ways, our thoughts, and even the days of our lives before one of them comes to be. This means our lives are not accidental. Understanding God's will begins with recognizing that our personal lives fit into a much greater divine purpose.

God has given humanity free will. In Deuteronomy 30:19, He places life and death, blessing and cursing before us and calls us to choose life. God's will does not override human choice, but it does call us to choose wisely. Jesus emphasized this truth in Matthew 7:24–25, teaching that those who hear His words and act on them build their lives on a solid foundation. Obedience is the bridge between knowing and living God's will. God's will extends into every area of life—relationships, work, finances, health, and community. Walking in God's will requires intentional obedience. From our choices, we will reap the outcomes and consequences. Because God knows the choices we make, the outcome is certain.

3. Walking in God's Will

We are created in the image of God and God has placed eternity in the human spirit. Our spirit was created to have a relationship with God and only He can fill this God-shaped void. We are created with purpose to reflect God. When we live out that purpose, we experience joy and fulfillment.

Ephesians 5:15-17 calls believers toward understanding the will of the Lord and walking circumspectly. His will is always good, acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:2) and will give us peace, future and hope (Jeremiah 29:11). His will is that we prosper, succeed and overcome. He who does the will of God abides forever. As believers, we are ambassadors of God, be salt and light, and share the Gospel with others. We should also grow in Christlikeness and mature in Him (sanctification), give thanks in all circumstances, do good to others, make disciples, align our hearts to His, hear Him clearly, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and submit to one another in the fear of God.

CONCLUSION

Pastor Daniel Foo reminded us that understanding God's will is essential and walking in it requires daily, Spirit-filled choices. As we come to the close of the year, we are given a natural pause to reflect on how we have lived, what has shaped our decisions, and where our priorities have been set, as well as an opportunity to reset our direction with wisdom. True wisdom is not found in rushing into the next season, but in slowing down to make room for God before moving forward. As we step into a new year, the invitation is not merely to ask God to bless our plans, but to allow Him to shape what we pursue. Making room for God is choosing to live intentionally, be filled with the Holy Spirit, overflow with faith, hope and love and allowing the Holy Spirit to influence our everyday decisions, responses, and priorities.

QUESTIONS

1. How does truly understanding God's will reshape the way you think, choose, and live, rather than simply adding knowledge about God? Share one way it has changed you.

2. What areas of your life this year revealed a struggle between what you wanted and what you sensed God was asking of you. How did this experience help with trust and surrender?

3. As you close this year and prepare for the next, what is one clear step you sense God inviting you to take to make more room for Him and align your life more fully with His will?