

Who's Voice Will You Listen To?

(Acts 21:1-14)

Introduction

If you attend church very long, you will hear references to “doing God’s will,” or “God’s will for your life,” or “discerning God’s will for your life.”

In simple terms, to know and do God’s Will refers to identifying and following God’s plan (will) for your life.

The late Adrian Rogers wrote, ‘*Let’s think about God’s will for your life. Your great desire ought to be to know God’s will. Your great delight will be to do His will. Your great danger is to refuse His will. Nothing is right for you if it is not God’s will’ (What Every Christian Ought To Know by Adrian Rogers, pg. 131).*

A major issue every believer must live with is knowing God’s will. Too often other voices muffle God’s will.

Contextualize Acts 21:1-14.

Contextualize this sermon in the ACTS series.

I. Paul’s Commitment to Doing God’s Will

Principle: More important than anything else, following God’s will must be the highest priority of a disciple’s life.

A) God’s Will Identified (19:21)

B) God’s Will Prioritized (20:16)

C) God’s Will Confirmed (20:22-25)

D) God’s Will Uncompromised (21:10-12)

II. Conflicting Voices Concerning God's Will

Principle: *There are many voices speaking into your life, giving you directions.*

- A) Disciples from Tyre (21:4)
- B) Philip's Daughters (21:9)
- C) The Prophet Agabus (21:10-11)
- D) People of Cesearea (21:12)
- E) Luke (21:14)

Application: *You and I will have many competing voices for God's will including logic, tradition, conscience, and other people.*

III. Purpose of Doing God's Will

- A) Luke 9:51-55 vs. Acts 19:21-22
- B) Acts 20:17-32 vs. John 13:1-5; 14:19-21; 16:1-4,
- C) Luke 22:42 vs. Acts 21:14

Principle: *The reason we seek to follow God's will is that that we are Jesus to the world around us!*

Conclusion

- A) Identify God's will!
- B) Prioritize God's will!
- C) Do God's will!