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In Exodus -- God Tells Us Of His Unchanging Nature And About The Ways That He Deals With People

Exodus 34:5-7 (NIV) (5) Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. (6) And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, (7) maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."
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- **Exodus 34:8-11 (NIV)** (8) Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. (9) "O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes," he said, "then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance." (10) Then the LORD said: "I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you. (11) Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.
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- God is Specific: To Obtain Permanent Status In The Land Of Promise -- There Are Certain Things We Must Do & Certain Things We Cannot Do

- We Must Decide:
  - Do We Really Believe This? Does It Matter How We Live?
  - What Will We Do With This Truth? This is Faith Living
  - Will We Believe God At His Word & Live According To His Plan?
In Order To Have A Fully Obedient Faith There Are Two Essentials:

1. *The Knowledge Of God’s Will*

2. *A Fully Obedient Faith To “Act” On God’s Will*
How Can We Know God’s Will For Us?

1. God’s Ways Are Not Our Ways

- (Isa 55:8-9 NIV) "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. (9) "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- God’s Ways Are Not Our Ways They Are Better Than Our Ways
2. Knowing God's Will Does Not Have To Be A Mystery

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○ (James 1:5 NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, **he should ask God**, who gives generously to all without finding fault, **and it will be given to him**.

○ (James 4:2 NIV) You do not have, because you do not ask God.

○ (Mark 11:24 NIV) Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
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- You Need To Ask God To Show You His Will
  - In Faith You Must Believe You WillReceive It
  - You Will Receive It
3. There is a tremendous blessing and strengthening that occurs when God's will is revealed to us.

Once you know God's will for your life you can be decided about:

- What you are doing
- Where you are going
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2 Key Aspects Of God’s Will:

- God’s General Will – Revealed In His Word – Applies To All
- God’s Specific Will – Revealed In Relationship – Applies Individually
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How Can We Know God’s Will For Us?

1. REVELATION FROM GOD:

- Revelation Occurs When God Reveals Himself To Us

- Revelation Occurs When God Uncovers Part Of His Plan For Us To Know And Understand
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Ways That God Speaks To Us:

- Audible Voice
- He Speaks In Our Spirit
- Reveals Himself Through Circumstances
- He Speaks Through Others Believers
- He Speaks Through His Word
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(Prov 6:22 NIV) When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. (23) For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life.

(Psa 119:105 NIV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

We Don't Have To Worry About Missing God When We Are Following God's Word
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- God Wants You To Have An Abundant Life

- (Josh 1:8 NIV) Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.
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- If The Word Doesn't Agree With It
- If The Spirit Isn't Ministering It To You
- If The Circumstances Aren't Pointing Towards It

- It Is Not God's Will
2. The Importance Of Our Relationship Of God:

- To Know God’s Will -- We’ve Got To Know Him
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• To Know God Is The Reason For Our Existence

• (Phil 3:10 NIV) I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

• (Col 1:9 NIV) For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.
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How To Get To Know God:

- Spend Time With Him
- Build A Relationship With Him

Jesus' Ministry Was Effective Because He Was In Tune With God's Will
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The Importance Of Our Resolve:

Resolve = Our Level Of Determination To Hear, Know & Obey God
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- (Deu 4:29 NIV) But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

- (James 4:8 NIV) Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

- Our Resolve Causes Us To Draw Near
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- Resolve Involves Our Determination To Do Something With God's Will Once We Know What It Is
- We Need To Develop And Grow A Faith That Is Fully Obedient!
- We Must Decide:
  - Do We Really Believe This?
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- 3 Hebrew Children Determined That They Would Not Bow To The Idols Of Culture -- Worship Goes To God Alone

- We Need To Develop The Faith Of Those Young Men And Say To Our Culture “We Are Not Going To Bow”
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- Esther Was Put In A Place Of Influence -- Her Voice Helped Keep The Jewish People From Being Destroyed

- As The Church In America The Lord God Has Placed Us Where He Wants Us (Influence) (Voice)

- We Must Stand Up In Order To Quash The Enemy’s Fury
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- The True Hope For America Is Found In Jesus!
- We Don’t Need More Government We Need More Of God
- It Is Time Now To Turn Back To God
- We Need Revival!
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- We Need Our Faith Levels Lifted
- We Need Our Faith To Be Growing In Christ!

- These Times Call For Decisions From God’s People
- “As For Me And My House, We Will Serve The Lord”
Psalm 81:10 (NKJV) I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
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- God Wants To Reorder The Priorities And Plans Of His People
- He Wants To Fill Their Entire Being And Person With His Presence
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- The Lord Wants To Raise Up Some Agents Of Change Who Will See Atmospheres And Attitudes Changed
  - In His Presence
  - By His Power
  - For His Glory
Agents Of Change -- Wait On The Lord & Let Him Birth His Plan. They Step Out In Faith To See It Accomplished For His Glory

They Become Agents Of Positive Change
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We Pray:

- “Holy Spirit Breathe On Me”
- “I Want More… So Much More”
- “Where I Am Stationary… Help Me To Start Walking”
- “Where I Am Walking Help Me Start Running…”
- “Where I Am Running… Transport Me At Light Speed.”
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- We Must Have More Lord >>>
- More Power >>> More Faith >>> More Love >>>
- More Life >>> More Of Your Spirit >>>
- Overflow >>> Fill Us >>> Fill Us Now We Pray!