

Be Thankful in All Circumstances

Happy Wednesday!

And Happy Thanksgiving!

“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT

Do you ever wonder what God’s will is? “God’s will” is one phrase to describe “God’s best plan.” Some people often ask, “Is it God’s will for me to _____?” Fill in the blank with whatever you think fits.

The simple answer for God’s will is found in this verse and in another called “The Lord’s Prayer” (there may be more, but these two come quickly to my mind). God’s will is for us to be grateful, to be thankful. But what should we be thankful for??

Thank you God that You’re my Provider - because of You I have safety, shelter, clothing, food, and a place to lay my head on something softer than a rock when I rest.

Thank You, God that You’re my Shelter - I can hide in You when I’m scared and don’t know what to say or do, and You will take my fears away.

Thank you God that you’re my Safety - with You I am never alone or abandoned. With You I find security in the faithful sunrise and sunset, the changing of the seasons, and the consistency in what You’ve created.

Thank you God that You care for me, that You hear me, that You know me, You love me. Thank You that You created the universe and all that is in it, yet You still notice me. Thank you for the beautiful clouds, precious birds I see, the colors of the leaves, the sounds that I can hear, that I can experience Your World with my senses.

Thank you God that You came down to earth, taking the form of a lowly baby, to show me how to have peace with You, through faith. Other religions require you to earn salvation, demanding you to be better and try harder, but thank you that Your way says that because You are better than all things, You make me better than I was by renewing me. Thank you!

This can go on FOREVER! And when your words and your thoughts fall short, start over, or simply say “Hallelujah, Lord!” “Hallelujah” simply means: “Praise the Lord.” When we praise God in thankfulness, immediately our problems fade. Immediately we rest in the One Who IS Rest and Restorer. Immediately we begin to see everything around us for the miracle that it is. After all, there seem to be only 2 types of people in the world: those who live life as if everything is a miracle from the Lord, or those who live life as if nothing is a miracle from God and everything is coincidence or random.

As for me and my house, we will live and believe that God's word is true: EVERY good and perfect gift is from above, and therefore everything I hear, experience, and see is a miracle! What about you?

Thank You God that You have given us much to be thankful for. Even in tough circumstances, there is ALWAYS something to praise You for: breath, heartbeat, watching the leaves fall... thank You Lord. Let us start each day with thanking You and end each night the same way. As your word says, "From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same, Your Name is to be praised." Psalm 113:3

Worship:

"COUNTRY PSALM" by Brandon Lake

<https://youtu.be/a174eGaU1JE?si=Unm7mDVBmW81BY1o> [youtu.be]

"PRAISE YOU ANYWHERE" by Brandon Lake

<https://youtu.be/a174eGaU1JE?si=Unm7mDVBmW81BY1o> [youtu.be]

"Voice of God" by Dante Bowe, Stefany Gretzinger, and Chandler Moore

https://youtu.be/hP5u4BUcq_U?si=vbvvuGr8MPwPGtrW [youtu.be]

"Gratitude" by Brandon Lake <https://youtu.be/hEqOj0VqOEs?si=BWvpYseKn6-kLlu6> [youtu.be]

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