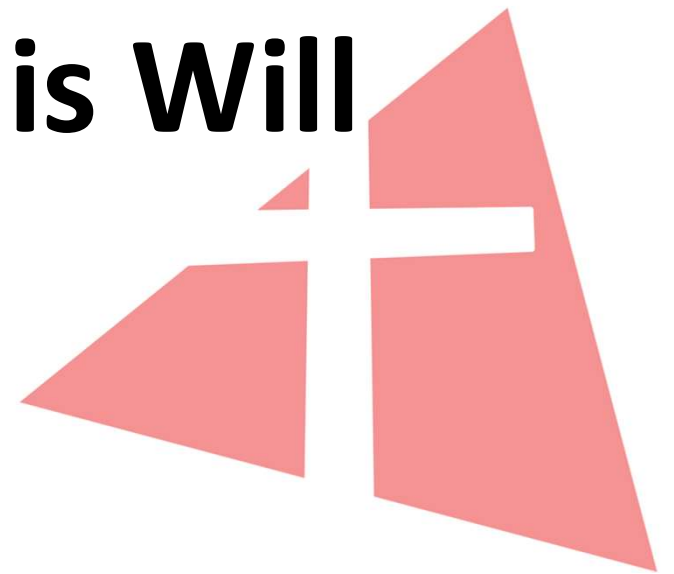


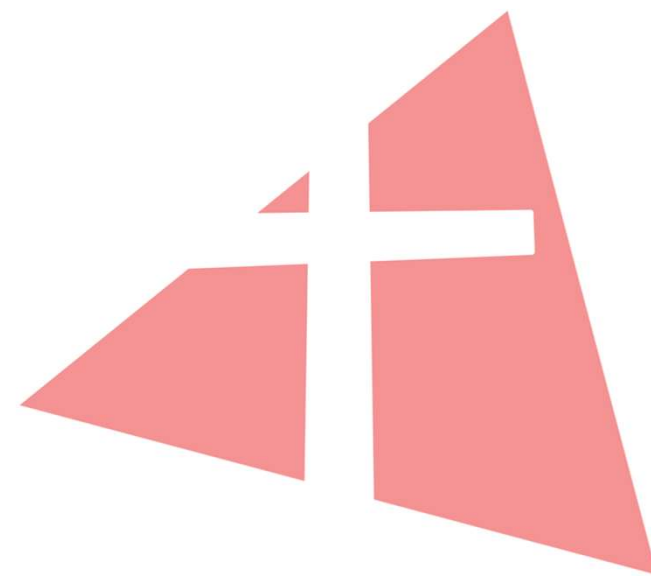
Jesus, the Father and His Will

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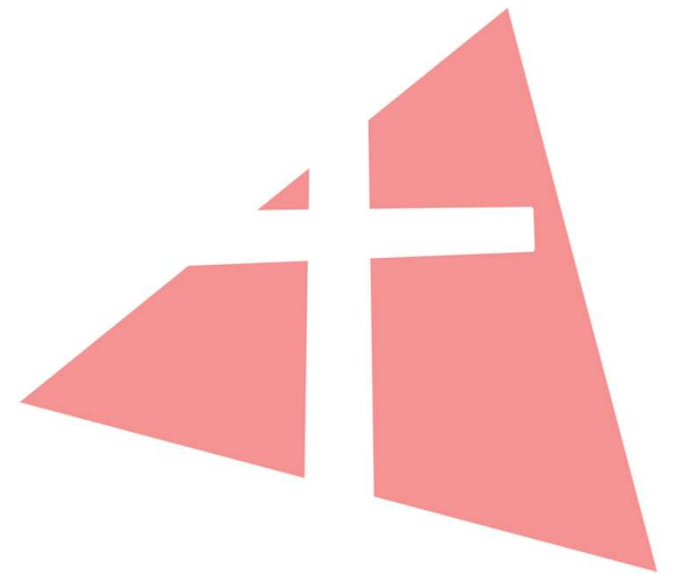
Last week

- **Jesus and the Sabbath**



This Week's Focus

- **Jesus, the Father, and His Will**

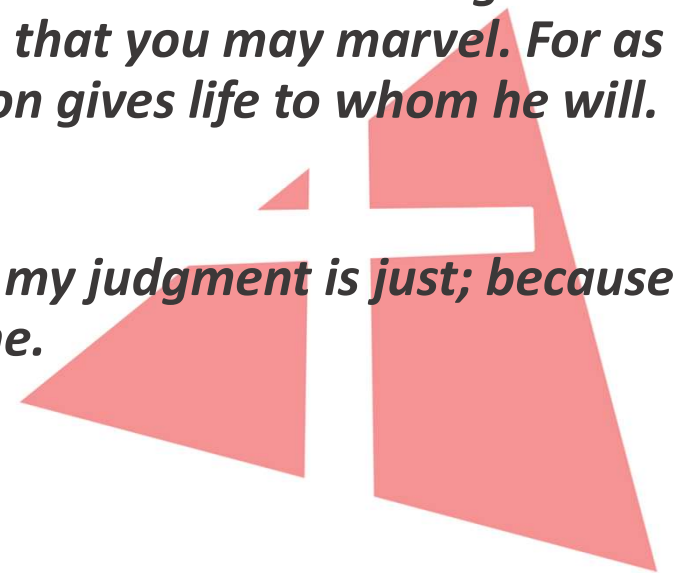


Today's Text

John 5:19-21 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for whatsoever things he does, these also does the Son likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all things that he himself does: and he will show him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises up the dead, and gives them life; even so the Son gives life to whom he will.

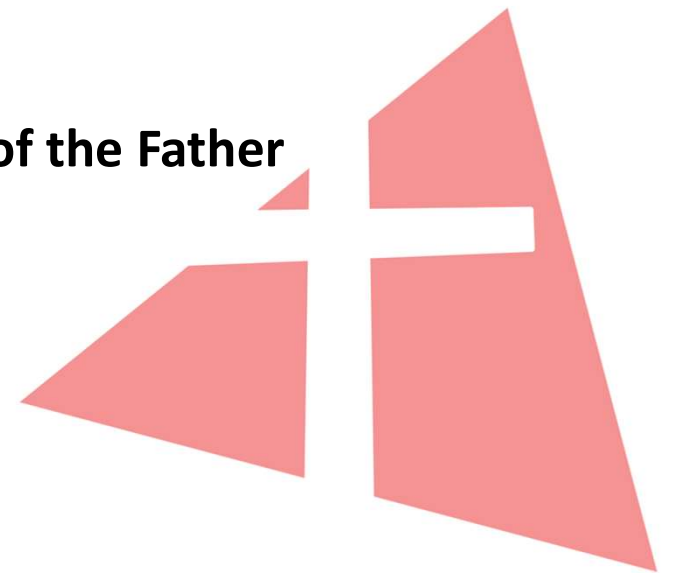
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John 5:30 I can of my own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father who has sent me.



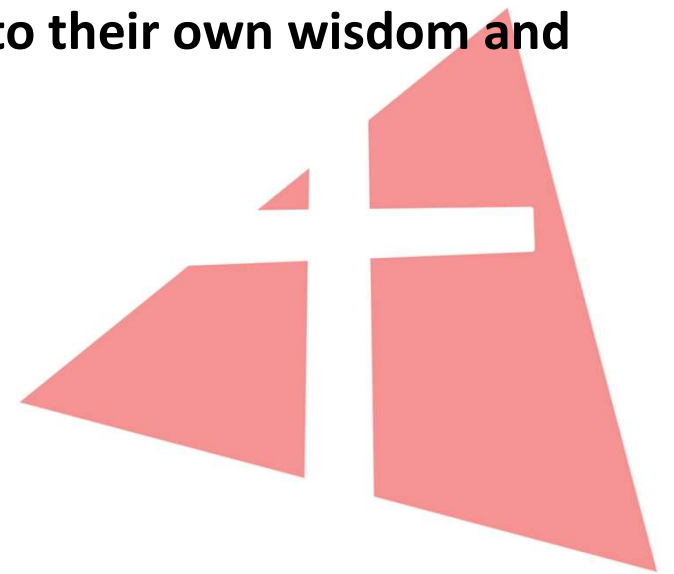
Jesus' Lifestyle

- **My only purposes is to do the will of the Father**
- **I completely surrender my own ideas, plans or goals to those of the Father**



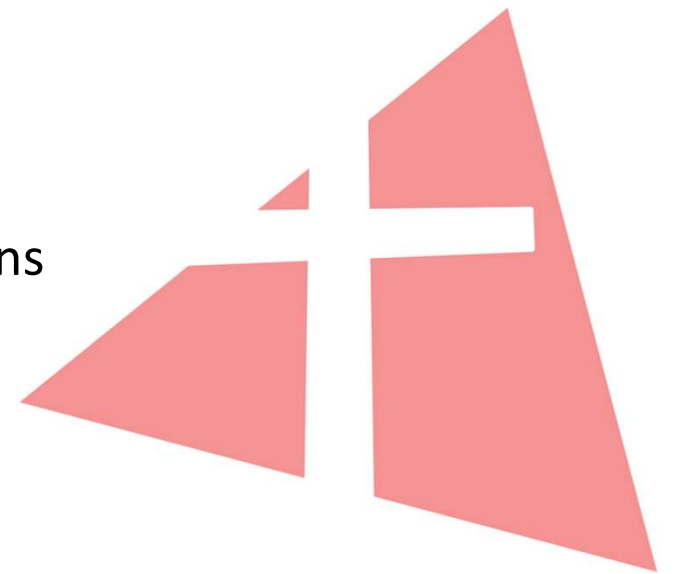
The Disciples

- **The disciples constantly made suggestions to Jesus according to their own wisdom and understanding**
 - And it never worked



The Difference

- **Jesus pursued to do the Will of the Father**
 - And God the Father made Jesus prosper in everything Jesus did
- **Human tendency is**
 - We make our own plans
 - We expect God to bless our own plans
 - But God never promised to bless us in pursuing our own plans
 - Our own plans often fail



Psalm 1

Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law does he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:



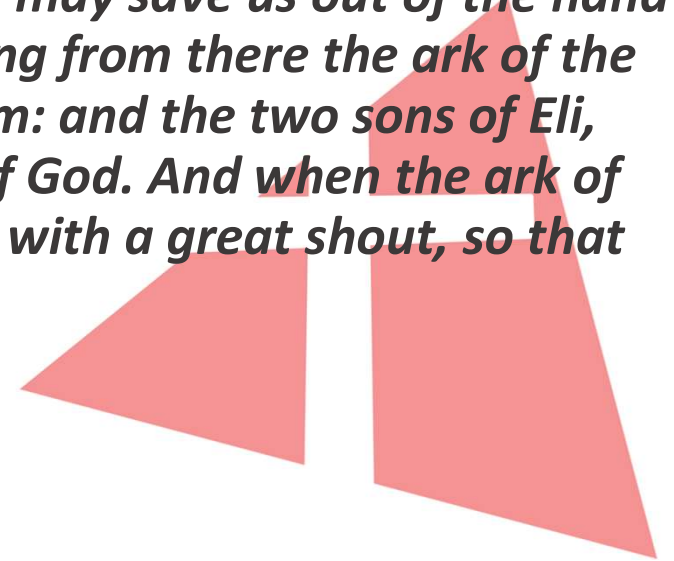
The Israelites

1 Samuel 4:1-2 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and encamped beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines encamped in Aphek. And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was defeated before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.



The Israelites

1 Samuel 4:3-5 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it comes among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies. So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who dwells between the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.



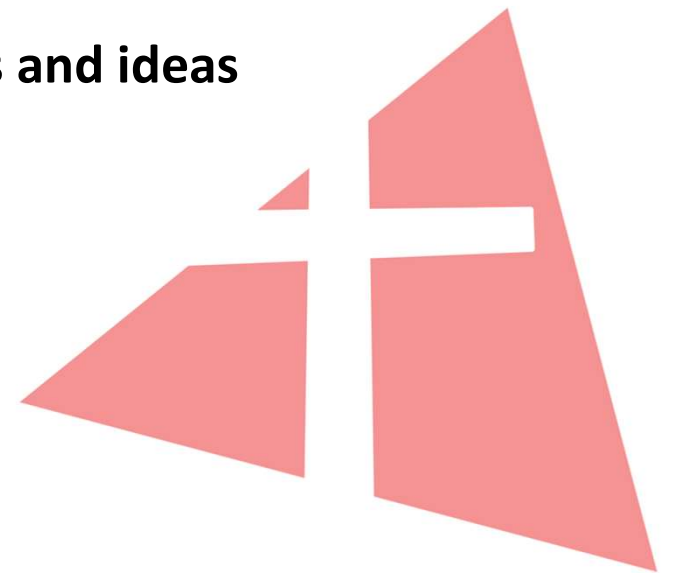
The Israelites

1 Samuel 4:10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.



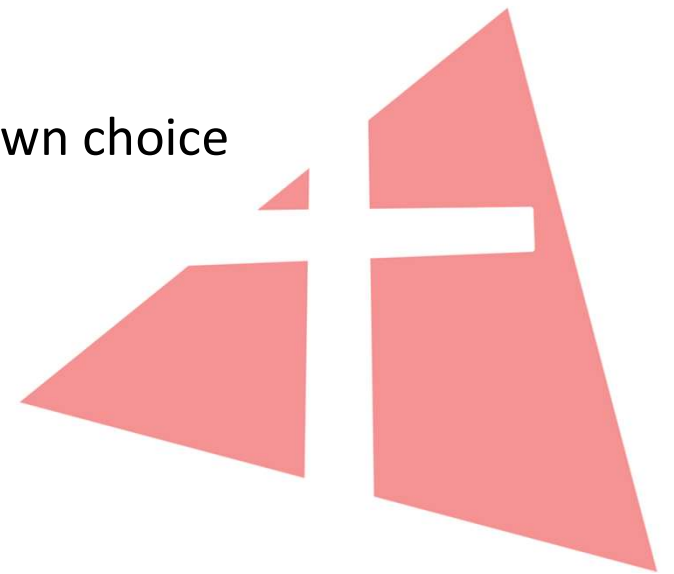
Application

- **God wants us to surrender our lives to His goals, visions, plans and ideas**
 - Doing God's plan for our lives will prosper



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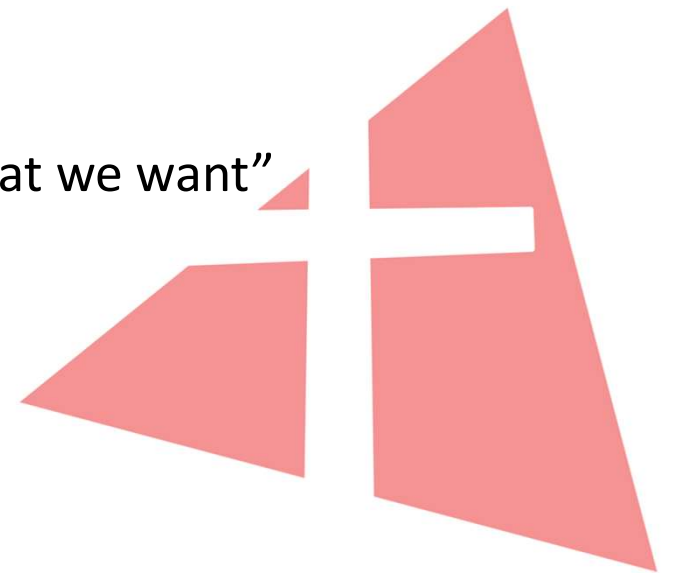
- **God still allows us to pursue our own plans**
 - But God will also allow us to face the consequences of our own choice



Application

- **This principle should completely change the way we pray**

- Prayer should be mainly about seeking God's will
- Prayer should be much less about "asking God to give us what we want"



Closing Question

- **What decision(s) does God want me to surrender to Him right now?**

