

A Clash of Wills – Authority

- From youth, when dealing with those in authority.
- We did not always agree with the rules:
- 2 opinions only one will be accomplished
- Told to do something -- We say NO!!!
- *Foolishness bound in heart – rod of correction*
- 2 desires and only one can be fulfilled.
- Wanted to do something with friends – Parents said no.
- 2 goals and only one can be reached.
- Wanted to get good grades, play sports, get job,
- 2 destinations in opposite directions.
- Plans with friends at park – Parent's plans with relatives.
- How we handled these differences made us the person we are today.
- Some became selfish... demanding their own will.
- Some became unselfish ... wanted to do the will of others.

A Clash of Wills with God

- *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but **he who does the will of God abides forever.** 1Jn. 2:15-17*
- My will clashes with God's will when what He wants me to do and what I want to do are **not** the same. I **MUST** give in and submit!

Jesus Submitted to God's Will

- *Father, if it is **Your will**, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.***
- Was not an easy decision
- 44 *And **being in agony**, He prayed more earnestly. Then His **sweat became like great drops of blood** falling down to the ground. Lk. 22:42-44*
- *in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, **with vehement cries and tears to Him** who was able to save Him from death, and **was heard because of His godly fear**, 8 though He was a Son, yet **He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.** 9 And having been perfected, He **became the author of eternal salvation** to all who obey Him, Heb 5:7-10*
- By doing God's will he brought blessings to all

The Fulness of God's Will

- *Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them"(which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 **By that will we have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Heb 10:8-10*
- We can't always know the lasting Good a sacrifice of our will for God's will might bring.
- We just need to understand that no matter how much pain, grief and sorrow, we must submit as Jesus did

A Hard Lesson to Learn

- *"In this manner, therefore, pray: our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. **Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.** Mt. 6:9-10*
- Do we really feel this way – do we pray this part?
- David did feel that way! That's why God chose him.
- *He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, **a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.***
- *"For **David, after he had served the will of God in his own generation**, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; Acts 13:22, 36*
- What a **GREAT LEGACY** ... How do we want to be remembered? On the last day do we want to be like him?

None of Self And All of Thee

- Where are we in this process?
- *Oh, the bitter pain and sorrow
That a time could ever be,
When I proudly said to Jesus,
“All of self, and none of Thee.”*
- *Yet He found me; I beheld Him
Bleeding on th' accursed tree,
And my wistful heart said faintly,
“Some of self, and some of Thee.”*

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- Where are we today? Are we even trying?
- *Day by day His tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free,
Brought me lower while I whispered,
“Less of self, and more of Thee.”*
- *Higher than the highest heaven,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, Thy love at last has conquered:
“None of self, and all of Thee.”*

Prince of Peace

- *Prince of Peace control my will Bid this struggling heart be still...*
- *May Thy will not mine be done*
- *May Thy will and mine be one*
- Does our heart make melody with these words... Singing in spirit and truth

A Good First Step

- *And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you **may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect WILL OF GOD**. Rom. 12:2*
- We must look for the clashes.
- At this point they may not even be known.
- We have to seek for all points of disagreement.
- Proving and testing our will by reading the Scriptures to see if there are any points of disagreement.

God's Will Brought Every blessing

- *"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." Rev 4:11*
- Do we feel this way?
- Will we give Him glory and honor by submitting to His will and giving Him the glory.
- *If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1Pet 4:11*

A Clash of Wills

● I Pet. 4:1-4

● No Longer Live in lusts of flesh(my will)

● But to the will of God

● Spent enough time doing the will of
Gentiles

● They think we are strange!

● God thinks we are normal!

● Back “*in His own image and likeness.*”

Not Easy But of Great Value

● *Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles*

● 1 Peter 4:1-3

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● But to the will of God

● Spent enough time doing the will of Gentiles

● Returning back: *“in His own image and likeness.”*

To Be like Jesus

- *My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work 4:31-35*
- *I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. Jn 5:30*
- *For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. Jn 6:37-39*

The Most Important Point of All

- *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'
Matt 7:21-23*