

**Core 43: “Transformed: “Not My Will, But God’s”  
1 Corinthians 2:11-16**

**A. Review: You can know God’s will... (read Romans 12:1-2)**

1. You can know God’s will, but to know it you must first surrender. *(to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice)*
2. You can know God’s will, but to know it you can’t conform to the world’s standard. *“Do not conform”*
3. You can know God’s will, but to know it you must be transformed in your heart and mind. *“...be transformed”*
4. You can know God’s will, but to know it you must be able to discern what it is. *“able to test and approve what God’s will is.”*
  - a) Dedication/Obedience leads to discernment, discernment leads to delight in God’s will

**B. How do we know God’s will?**

*Billy Graham - “If you are ignorant of God’s Word, you will always be ignorant of God’s will.”*

1. Bible reveals God’s General will. **It’s God’s will that...**
  - a) 2 Peter 3:9 – all be brought to repentance, none perish!
  - b) 1 Timothy 2:4 - everyone be saved and understand the truth.”
  - c) 1 Thess 4:3 – we live healthy and holy lives – Sanctified!
  - d) 1 Thess 5:16-18 – rejoice, pray without ceasing, give thanks
  - e) 1 Peter 2:15 – do good and be a good witness
2. How about specific situations
  - a) Knowing God’s will starts with something Jesus said: John 7:17 - *“Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.”*
  - b) If we do God’s will that we do know, we can then discover His will for what we don’t know.
  - c) **Henry Blackaby** “Our difficulty is not that we don’t know God’s will. Our discomfort comes from the fact that we do know His will, but we do not want to do it.”

**C. God’s will is known when you have the mind of Christ...1 Cor 2:11-16**

1. Having the mind of Christ is...
  - a) learning to be like Him.  
*Col 3:10 “Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him.”*
  - b) comes by His Spirit in you. The Spirit of God helps us to understand.  
*V12 “And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.”*
  - c) may be contrary to the world’s thinking.  
*V14 “But people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.”*

- d) Having the mind of Christ is possible. **V16 “But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.”**
2. This access is not open equally to all Christians!
  - a) Some who are saved don’t have the capacity to think spiritually!
  - b) 2 reasons why?
    - 1) **Still practicing lifestyle that does not represent the priorities of God**
      - i. **The more we know God’s word and do not obey; the quicker we go deaf and blind!**
      - ii. More involved with habitual sin, the less we understand Bible
      - iii. Why? Read to justify our behavior
      - iv. Greedy people ignore Jesus’ commands/advice on money
      - v. People in inappropriate relationships skip passages on purity
      - vi. People who gossip won’t consider proverbs
    - 2) **Christians just don’t know what the bible says?**
      - i. Reason we have been investing in Core 52
      - ii. Knowing the basics allows us to see if our lives are in alignment with God’s priorities
      - iii. **WE CAN KNOW THE MIND OF CHRIST!**

**D. God’s will is known when you are willing to follow God**

1. We must know God’s Word to know His will
2. We must apply the Word of God to our lives.
3. We must live out the Word of God to find the will of God. (95% of your actions is spillover from your mind!)  
*Aubrey Coleman “We know that God’s Word has saturated our lives when it has overflowed into our actions.”*
4. God will equip you with all you need to fulfill His will.
5. Resident Alien:
  - a) Phil 2:5-6 RSV - Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,[a] being born in the likeness of men.
  - b) Read page 11

**E. Application**

1. What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?
2. How can I apply this to my life
3. Questions:
  - a) Have I carved out daily time alone with God to
    - 1) Read/study God’s word
    - 2) Pray/talk to God
    - 3) Listen To God
    - 4) Put what I learned into action