

Are You Doing God's Will Part 7

“14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.” (1 John 5:14-15 KJV)

Our God hear our prayers and he answers us accordingly. If we pray according to His will, we will have what we ask of Him, but if ask something out of the will of God, He will also hear it and He will deal with us; correcting us and putting us back to the path that He outlined for us.

Below we can read how Jesus responded to the prayer of the mother of Zebedees children:

“20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. 23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. 24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. 25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:20-28 KJV)

“35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. 36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? 37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. 38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? 39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: 40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John. 42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. 43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: 44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. 45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:35-45 KJV)

The word of God tells us, ***“7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8 KJV)*** This mother

came to ask from the Lord to do her something. Many people they ask God certain things, but good number of them do that with no deep understanding. The mother came to the Lord, worshipped Him and after her worship she prayed and gave Him her requests. Many they worship the Lord in their private life and even with others in churches they worship the Lord and then after they will pray and ask God certain things. The Lord will hear and will act and interact accordingly with these requests. James says, ***“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.” (James 4:3 KJV)***

The Lord will analyze the wrong motive and its source, and will deal with it. The Lord heard that mother's request and He did not speak to her but He spoke with her two son, James and John, ***“But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.” (Matthew 20:22 KJV)*** When we read ***“They say unto him”***, it means He spoke to them and they answered Him. The Lord knew that the prayer request of the mother is not her request but it came from her two sons. He recognized the source of the prayer because He is able to see the wrong motive behind it. They were after temporal worldly Kingdom. They were after pomp and fame, after power and recognition rather than humility, perseverance and willingness to suffer for God's Will. They were also in ignorance and blindness in vision and that also was needed to be corrected.

In the request of the mother we can read the following: ***“Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.” (Matthew 20:21 KJV)*** Here it is mention in Christ's Kingdom, and that is the Kingdom of God. So the two they have faith, and that is good, that they will be with Jesus in His Kingdom. So they knew that He need to die, and He will raise up from the death for His Kingdom to come true.

Truly, Christ previous to what we read had declared to His disciples what is waiting for Him in Jerusalem. ***“17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, 18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.” (Matthew 20:17-19 KJV)*** So here Christ told the twelve about His suffering and His self-denial that He is going to pass through. The mother of Zebedees children was not among the twelve when Jesus told them that. So James and John they are the one who informed their mother about it and so they are the one who told her to request him to put one of them on the right and the other on the left.

But why they did not request Him that themselves? It is a request of a wrong motive, aiming for worldly manner positions and putting themselves higher above the others. Sure they were afraid to do that because they will be rebuke for it. Just imagine, Christ informed them that He will suffer, he will be mocked, scorched and crucified, and these two immediately came to their mind to ask Him to put them in highest place, next to Him and higher than everyone. They were running fast for it before He will die, because they were afraid that they may miss such opportunity. Many people around Christ like that; they are after how much they can get out of it. The two brothers were opportunistic, to get privileges and not mindful to share first in His suffering. They were so worldly, grandiose and with a wrong mind, that is why the Lord faced them immediately in order to correct them. They should seek employment in His suffering so they can be eligible to be with Him in His glory.

What Christ said to them about His suffering was to comfort them and to open up to them what is ahead of Him and them. But the two brothers abused Christ, and for them they need to act quickly, because if they are already in Jerusalem and his suffering started they will not be able to ask Him. They wear so selfish and egocentric. It is their pride and their contempt desire to be honored above others that made them put that prayer requests. It is holiness to excel others seeking holiness but it is worldliness to seek worldly standard of power and prestige to be above others. They exposed who they are and showed the wrong things in their character and attitudes. Therefore Christ needed to correct them.

The mother was not much aware of what her two sons requested her to say in their behalf. Therefore, parents, fathers and mothers, church leaders and elders need to be careful to analyse what their youngsters are requesting them or leading them to. It is their mother weakness that made her yield to their requests. It is their mother's emotion toward them what made her victim of them. But she likes it also, because they were her two sons. We need to be aware of our emotions. We need to put them under subjection and to not to allow them to take us to an embarrassing situation.

"But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask." (Matthew 20:22 KJV) They were looking for a worldly Kingdom. They were after children fancy, looking for the second and third winner after the champion. They were after the privilege and not the way to get it

Just previously upon the departure of the rich man from Christ that was the respond that Peter made toward Jesus, ***"Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" (Matthew 19:27 KJV)*** Peter asked the Lord, ***"What shall we have therefore?"*** He was asking what they are going to receive upon the sacrifices that they had leaving behind all things in order to follow Christ. Peter and the rest they were thinking that they are done with their best and no more to be done in God's service. That was their mind set up; they were looking for reward and what is due for them. That is why the two brothers they made their vent to ask the best places next to Christ. But it never came to their minds that suffering is still waiting ahead of them. Even in this occasion Christ also assured them that they will never fail to receive back what they had offered for the sake of Christ, ***"28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."*** (Matthew 19:28-30 KJV) He also assured them that they will sit with him on twelve thrones to judge the tribes of Israel. Possibly that was the reason the two brothers requested to sit next to him. Some people when they hear the Word of God they will apply it in their life as a material and physical outcome without getting the spiritual essence of the lesson that God wants them to grasp. With what here Jesus told they should be grateful that they will be with Jesus. Our assurance that we will be with Jesus and forever is enough for us and no need to be ambitious about getting other things. With the requests that the two brothers had made for Jesus, they were not able to see what the best that God had prepared for them. They desired to sit next to Him, but the Word of God tells us better assurance to those who overcome. The same John, the son of Zebedee live long ad he is the one who wrote the book of Revelation, and He wrote to the churches and to us today

from the mouth of Jesus the following: ***"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."*** (Revelation 3:21 KJV) So the promise of God to those who overcome, not to sit on his right or left, but to sit with him on His throne. So what we can conclude is that when we think in our worldly way, we will do all what we can to bypass suffering, and we will succeed in that, but we will not be able to see the blessed plan of God for us. It is true what Jesus said to them that they don't know what they are asking. Therefore we need to give more heed in the way we think and the way we pray and speak to Christ.

We might fall into two important pitfalls. The first one when we think that we had done much and we had suffered much to the point that we can say to the Lord as Peter said, ***"Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?"*** (Matthew 19:27 KJV) But the truth we had not suffered to the point that ordained for us. We are just starting and we are just in the beginning of the narrow way. The second pitfall is when we think that getting the right or the left seat next to Jesus is the optimum. But with that we are missing what Jesus promised to those who overcome like Him, ***"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."*** (Revelation 3:21 KJV) Therefore never forfeit your privileges by putting aside the plan of God and get involved with your own plan and will.

Jesus here also warned them that their positions might be shuffled if they are not apt to what God expect from them, ***"But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."*** (Matthew 19:28-30 KJV) The first can become last and vice versa. Jesus was warning them that if others are better than they, then they would be replaced.

They were caught and faced by Christ; their non willingness to suffer was exposed by Christ and was put forward in front of them with this question, ***"Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able."*** (Matthew 20:22 KJV) They were put to shame in front of other apostles, therefore defensively answered Christ that they are able to go through it. It was really their pride to answer in this way. They were desperate not to be embarrassed by any way in front of others. Just imagine for the sake of a seat they are boasting that they are able to go through crucifixion. It is not their willingness to suffer for Christ, but for their desperation to get the seat they make such confession, when they said ***"We are able."***

With such confrontation they were rebuked by Christ. For such spiritual sickness they were in need for such rebuke so they will be clean and they will be purged from their pride and arrogance. Christ, would not stop here but he further stated the following to them: ***"And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father."*** (Matthew 20:24 KJV) Christ with this statement he reinstated the two brothers back to the plan that he had for them, to live and to suffer for Him. James was put to death by Herod, ***"1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. 2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword."*** (Acts 12:1-2 KJV) And John was placed in exile to the Island of Patmos where he wrote the book of Revelation, around the end of the first century, that was around 60 years of the incident that we discussed. ***"I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle***

that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 1:9 KJV) John here testified to the brethren that He is a companion of tribulation, patience and in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. So what we can conclude that both John and James passed into intense suffering until the Word of Jesus that He admonished them with come true in their lives.

Jesus passed through great suffering, **“But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished.” (Luke 12:50 KJV)** Jesus was pressed to pass through that suffering. We are called also to suffer for Him, **“For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake.” (Philippians 1:29 KJV)** Therefore, Let us not hide ourselves behind comforting zone and post and positions to avoid sufferings and trial and tribulation. **“Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.” (Hebrews 13:12 KJV)** Therefore, **“Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.” (Hebrews 13:13 KJV)** We need to be willing to go through suffering so we can continue to see the purpose of God. Paul said to the Philippians, **“Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.” (Philippians 2:17 KJV)** Paul also said to the Ephesians, **“22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. 24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20:22-24 KJV)** Therefore we need to endeavour to go into suffering in order to help people and lead them into the whole will of God.

23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.” (Matthew 20:23 KJV) Yes the Lord Jesus reinstated these two brothers to the calling and to the position that He wants them to be when He told them, **“Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with”,** and He also told them, **“but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.”** The reason that He told them it was not in His hand to give, because they were not ready for it yet. They were not yet mature and responsible to the level that He wants them to be. As if He was telling them, there are better than you and more deserving to be given these privileges.

Apostle Paul who came after them, he was saying the following about himself, **“8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11 Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.” (1 Corinthians 15:7-11 KJV)** He was humbling himself before the other apostles and regarded himself lower than the other apostles. Even when he was working hard, Paul considers it that the grace of Jesus that allowed him and enabled him to do that. More than that apostle Paul desired neither position nor privileges, but rather suffering for Christ, **“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being**

made conformable unto his death.” (Philippians 3:10 KJV) Apostle Paul wanted to have fellowship with Christ suffering and not with Christ luxury. So his pursue was far better than what Christ is experiencing with the apostles here.

“Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.” (Matthew 16:28 KJV) Here the Lord told them that some of them will see the Kingdom of God before they will see death. Truly, the Lord accomplished that to them, **“1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. 4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.” (Matthew 17:1-9 KJV)** Jesus took with Him here three disciples, Peter, John and James, and He showed them the Kingdom of God. That occasion might cause John and James to have more pride than others. When the Lord took them with Peter they might understood it that they are better than others. That is might especially true when He told them, **“Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.” (Matthew 17:9 KJV)** So their mind set up and focus was drifted into wrong direction and that needed to be corrected by the Lord.

What the Lord answered them to what they asked of Him, **“But to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.” (Matthew 20: 23 KJV)** was a rebuke to them. Now Jesus here rebuked them Himself because He was at that time with His disciples. Now the Lord is with us, with the Holy Spirit. We who are His church are filled with the Holy Spirit and the Lord would speak through us to handle people who will be drift away from the truth. With such situation, we will not be spared heart ache and pain in correcting the people. But we need to bear it for the sake of the Lord and for the sake of the people in order for them to know and to follow the truth.

The two brothers, James and John, were corrected previously and rebuked by the Lord for another bad behavior and wrong attitude, **“51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, 52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. 56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.” (Luke 9:51-56 KJV)** So in the process of discipleship there are things in the disciples lives’ needs to be corrected, and the Lord is faithful to His people and will not allow sin or wrong character prevail in their lives and make them forfeit their reward and what God had allocated to them from heavenly blessings.

“24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.” (Matthew 20:24) What James and John did was ambitious thing, and caused other disciples to be angry with them. Whenever the people of God vent to do their own ambition and do wrong, that will be an enticement to others to do wrong. What the two brethren asked the Lord of, they were not eligible for it. Many Christian they vent to do things they are not eligible for, and when they do, they are tempting others to do the same. The disciples were enticed and jealous of what the two brothers asked. Selfish ambition brings commotion and disorder. Many are tempted to do wrong by the bad examples of those who are followers of Christ. The Christian faith would be drifting away by ambitious actions and the selfish deeds of fellow Christians. We should not forget what Jesus said, ***“Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!”***⁸ ***Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.***⁹ ***And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.”*** (Matthew 18:7-9 KJV)

“24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.” (Matthew 20:24) Now coming back to the rest of the disciples, we can see other important things that needed to be corrected. The rest of the disciples were angry with the two not because the two did wrong against the Lord, but because the two would take the privileges from them. So there were among them competitions to get some worldly valuable things. They were after positions and privileges thinking that life would be easier with all these things; thinking that they can avoid suffering by gaining such worldly goals. Previously they asked the Lord this question: ***“At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”*** (Matthew 18:1 KJV) That it means pride and selfish ambition was among them. Therefore Jesus took a child and explains to them how they ought to be. They were also warned that if they will not be changed, in giving up their selfish ambition and being selfish, then they will not be able to enter the Kingdom of God. ***“2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”*** (Matthew 18:2-3 KJV)

Again here as were disputing among themselves for the same wrong concept and selfish ambition they draw the attention of Jesus, ***“25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said,”*** (Matthew 20:25 KJV) He brought them to Him to explain to them again where is their fault and how to correct themselves to go back where He wanting them to be. We are also as body of Christ, we need to work out to correct wrong attitude among us. We are called to edify and correct things among us to reach the peace of God. ***“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.”*** (Romans 14:19 KJV) In order to do that, we need to submit to one another in accordance to what the Christ instruct us in His Word to do in the fear of the Lord, ***“Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”*** (Ephesians 5:21 KJV)

“Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.” (Matthew 20:25) The disciples were Jewish, and they were the believers in God. The rest of the nations who are non Jewish are called Gentiles, and

they were non believers. So Jesus told them, that the non believers from the other nations, the Gentiles, their principles is that they will take everything based if they have power, ***“the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.”*** So if they are in the position of power then they will do what they want and what power allows them to do. So the Lord is telling them, if you are of the same stand, that you would do your own will and force everyone to go along with your own will to do what you want, then you are like the Gentiles, the non believers around you. The two, James and John they came to the Lord dictating on Him to do them what they should ask of Him, ***“And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.”*** (Mark 10:35 KJV) The Hebrew Word for exercise dominion, in Matthew 20 verse 25 is ‘kat-ak-oo-ree-yoo’-o’ and is used also in ***Mark 10:42***, as, ‘exercise lordship’, ***“But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.”*** (Mark 10:42 KJV) The same Word, ‘kat-ak-oo-ree-yoo’-o’ is used also in ***1 Peter 5:3***, as, ‘lords over,’ ***“Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being examples to the flock.”*** (1 Peter 5:3 KJV) It was when Peter was speaking to the elders among God’s people, ***“1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being examples to the flock.”*** (1 Peter 5:1-3 KJV) He was asking them to give the spiritual food for the flocks, to take the oversight to lead them into the right direction, nor as being forced to, neither for wrong motive or material gains, but out of willingness to serve God. ***“Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being examples to the flock.”*** (1 Peter 5:3 KJV) Not to force the people to do their own will, but to lead them to do the will of God. That they will do by keeping the right example themselves and they abide in doing when themselves persevere in doing God’s Will.

Now when the people, like what we had seen in James and John, forcing their own will on the Lord and on the rest of the disciples, they were actually lording it over others. Now there are many doing their own plans and will, that are contradicted with God’s Word. In such a way they are lording over God people, the church. Now a day such kind of people when they are doing like that, if the church is not firm with them and correct them with God’s Word, then you will find the church is drifted out of the direction that God wants His church and people to go on.

The same Word, ‘kat-ak-oo-ree-yoo’-o’ is used also in ***Acts 19:16***, as, ‘overcame,’ ***“And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”*** (Acts 19:16 KJV) Now when the church is exposed to people who want to do their own will and plans, then these are attacks from the evil one and of demonic origin. Now must of the time church leaders who knew the truth yield to peoples’ will and desire because if you will face them, they will exploit as those men exploit in Acts 19:16. But what will happen to the church if those people will not be faced as Jesus faced James and John and faced the rest of His disciples.

“But it shall not be so among you.” (Matthew 20:26) Not because people have money, power or an opportunity they can do what they want. That should not be the case among us. Pushing for privileges and positions thinking that our lives will be better and spare us suffering due to

hard service is not the right way of thinking, as James and John thought if they would get the right and left position next to Jesus they would spared suffering. People who had such mind the church should do its best to correct them and not to approve to them what they wants.

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“But whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:26-28) But the people should be taught and trained that they need to be a source of service and blessing to others. Look for service, and be a servant then you will chief and great, not in this life, but in the Kingdom of heaven. ***“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28 KJV)*** God’s people should learn to be useful and beneficial to others who are in need. God’s people should learn to be good example to others by forfeiting their own will and by doing the will of God, ***“Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being examples to the flock.” (1 Peter 5:3 KJV)*** God’s people should learn not to go along peoples’ ambition but to go along God’s will so their lives will be beneficial to other, as Jesus’ life, who came to serve and His life was beneficial to many.

My dear and beloved: “14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.” (1 John 5:14-15 KJV) Our prayers and what we ask God will reveal who we are and our characters. God would correct us when He found us at wrong and drifted away. As well as we need to be instruments in God’s hand first by being good example to others in doing God’s Will, second, we need not to yield to the wrong requests and desires of those who are wishing to do what they want and not after God’s will. Therefore let us commit ourselves to what we had learned from God’s Word in this message, and be willing to suffer for Christ and to yield our service to Him, as we agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that taught me a lesson how to live and how to abide in your will. Lord keep correcting me when you found me drift away from your plan and will. Lord I commit myself to be a good example to others by doing and abiding to do what you desire from me to achieve. Lord use me as instruments in your hand to be useful to many, leading them in the center of your will. Lord sustains me and provide for my needs and give me the strength to contibue to serve you and serve your people, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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