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I am often asked the question, “what is Gods will for my life?” I suppose there is no more pressing question of every person than to know the will of God for their lives.

There are some Christians who seem to enjoy the blessings of God upon their lives while others seem to struggle in their spiritual lives. What is it that causes one Christian to be used of God in great ways and another to be stagnate in their spirituality?

God has given us examples in the Bible to show us how we can be used of God in great ways. Before God can use us to fulfill His will there are some prerequisites that we have to meet first. The first prerequisite is that we must receive Gods Son the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior by faith, “He that believeth on the Son hath life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36). Secondly, we must develop a heart for God if we are to know and accomplish the will of God for our lives. The Bible says in Acts 13:22, “I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my **will**”.

David had learned early on to walk by faith and trust God with His life. He knew what to do and how to do it and he had confidence that God would make it happen even though he could not see his way clear during the intensity of the battles.

People who are passionate about the things of God set the example, they facilitate high standards, they develop a solid reputation, and they get the job done because God uses those who have a heart for Him. That is David at age 17. That can be you if you will develop a passionate heart for God.

A heart for God is what Jesus called the greatest commandment of the Law. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment” (Matthew 22:37-38). That is passion for God. That is an all-consuming love for God. It is what God wants to produce in our hearts.

The prophet Samuel anoints David King of Israel at the age of 17. It will be several more years before he takes over as the king because God has to remove Saul from the throne. David, the newly anointed king would soon have his faith tested when he confronts Goliath. Having a heart for God does not mean that all of your problems will vanish, but rather it means that you will have to continue to take greater and bolder steps of faith because God does not work in the natural realm, God works in the supernatural realm and that is totally antithetical to our human nature.

You know how the story ends. David supernaturally kills the giant with a rock and a slingshot. The Philistines are put to flight and defeated because one young man had developed a heart for God and a passion for doing Gods will. No matter the cost, ridicule, or abandonment by his friends and family, David remained faithful to Gods will. He was simply willing to use what he had so that God could supernaturally accomplish the task.

Genuine leaders, Godly leaders, those who impact their communities and their world for the cause of Christ are those who have a passionate heart for God. Alexander the great once said, “weak leaders stay within safe boundaries. Great leaders march off the map”. God is looking for some Christians that will march off the map and do Great things for Him because they have a heart that is passionate about the things of God.

Humanly speaking, David faced impossible odds when he confronted Goliath with a slingshot and five stones, but David

knew the battle belonged to God and he had every confidence that God would deliver him from Goliath and the philistine army.

In order for you to win the victory over your Goliath, whether it is the Goliath of drug or alcohol addiction, the Goliath of your personality or temperament, the Goliath of strained relationships, you must surrender your life to Christ and then become passionate about serving Him and allow your passion for God to produce with in you a heart for God. Simply put, we must put God first in our lives or we will never ever enjoy the full blessings of God and we will forever be running from our Goliath and cowering in the valley defeated, despondent, depressed and exhausted because we are trying to accomplish the victory in the realm of the natural and that victory can never be won apart from the supernatural will of God being accomplished in our lives.

Do as David, take what you have and give it to God. Give Him your life, your family, your bank account, your time, talent, treasure, and then go forward armed with a heart for God and you will accomplish Gods perfect will for your life.

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