

Sun Morning

# KNOWING GOD'S WILL IN THE GRAY AREAS

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**Text:** Romans 14:22-23

*"Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Romans 14:22-23)*

Context - Eating or not eating some foods

## INTRODUCTION

a. Galatians similar to Romans

- Galatians written 48-49 AD
- Romans written 57-58 AD
- Location: at Corinth on Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey

b. Romans logical framework of gospel

### SOME AREAS OF LIFE THERE IS GREAT CLARITY ABOUT GOD'S WILL:

1. Salvation: 2 Peter 3:9 all should repent
2. Sanctification: 1 Thessalonians 4:3 no fornication or sexual sins
3. Suffering: 1 Peter 4:19 faithful Creator
4. Separation: Romans 12:1-2 living sacrifice
5. Speech: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks

- God's will is a relationship with Him
  - \* not a location
  - \* not another person
  - \* not a destination
- God's will is about Christian walk

## 1. ARE YOU Delighting IN GOD

*"Delight thyself also in the Lord; And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Psalm 37:4)*

- A. Delight means you are right with God

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23-24)*

- B. Delight means you are willing to whatever God wants

*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

- C. Delight means you are waiting on Him

*"Wait on the Lord: Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the Lord." (Psalm 27:14)*

- D. Delight means you are desiring to have your next step

## 2. ARE YOU Depending ON GOD

- A. Why are you taking this step

- B. Where is the Scripture for this step

- C. How is this pleasing God

*"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)*

### 3. ARE YOU Doubting IT IS OF GOD

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- A. Is there a leaning on Him
- B. Have you spent alone with God about it -praying, reading Bible
- C. Are you sensing guilt about it or that you are fortunate / blessed to get to do it or have it
- D. Are there doubts causing conflict and not peace
- E. Can you do this or have this with confidence

