

Doing God's Will
Let's Go
Mark 3:31-35
4-25-21

I. God's Will Is That We Be Born Again.

John 1:13-14 – “(the children of God) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

Mark 3:21 – “And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, ‘He is out of His mind.’”

Matthew 13:55 – “Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And are not His brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?”

Matthew 13:56 – “And are not all His sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”

Mark 3:31-33 – “And His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, ‘Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking You.’ And He answered them, ‘Who are My mother and My brothers?’”

John 3:3 – “Jesus said, ‘...I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.’”

John 1:13 – “(the children of God) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

II. Doing God's Will Reveals That We Belong to God's Family.

Mark 3:34 – “And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, ‘Here are My mother and My brothers!’”

Mark 3:35 – “For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”

Luke 8:21 – “But He answered them, ‘My mother and My brothers are those who hear the Word of God and do it.’”

John 10:27 – “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

Doing God's will:

1. Shows our love for Christ.

John 14:15 – “If you love Me, obey My commandments.”

2. Comes from the heart.

Ephesians 6:6 – “(do not obey)...as people-pleasers, but... as servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart.”

3. Produces Christlikeness.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 – “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality.”

4. Leads to knowing more of His will.

John 7:17 – “Jesus said, ‘Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether My teaching comes from God...’”

5. Cultivates joy, prayer and gratitude.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – “Rejoice always...pray without ceasing...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

6. Is what lasts forever.

1 Corinthians 3:13-14 – “each one's work will become manifest...because it will be revealed by fire...If the work...survives, he will receive a reward...”

7. Sometimes put us at odds with others.

Acts 5:29 – “But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men.’”

8. Empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) – “For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.”

Going Deeper This Week

1. Read Mark 3:31-35. What surprises you or reveals to you something about God?
2. What can we conclude from the fact that Jesus had brothers and sisters?
3. How is Jesus' response to His family good news for the Gentiles who are not Jewish?
4. Read Ephesians 6:6. How are we to obey God?
5. What aspect of salvation is emphasized in John 1:12-13? What aspect is emphasized in John 3:14-16?
6. Read Matthew 10:37 and use it as a prayer guide for you and others.
7. Look on MCC's website for more materials for growth.