

ROMANS TWELVE



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NIV84 Romans 12:2

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NICLT Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this age, but rather, be transformed by the renewal of your mind **into the ability to test the genuineness of what God's will is-** the good and pleasing and perfect.

NIV84- New international version 1984. NICLT- Nic's literal translation

MARK 3:31–35 NIV84

³¹Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.' ³³'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked. ³⁴Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers!

³⁵**Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'**"



“AUTHENTICATE” GOD’S WILL

The goal of “being transformed”, unto the renewal of your mind is to:

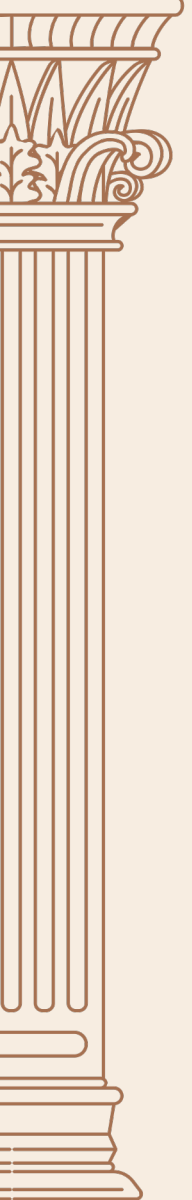
Be able to authenticate what God’s will is so we can do it.



1 Cor. 2:16

The Mind of Christ can
authenticate the will of God.

It can see what God finds good, pleasing and purposeful



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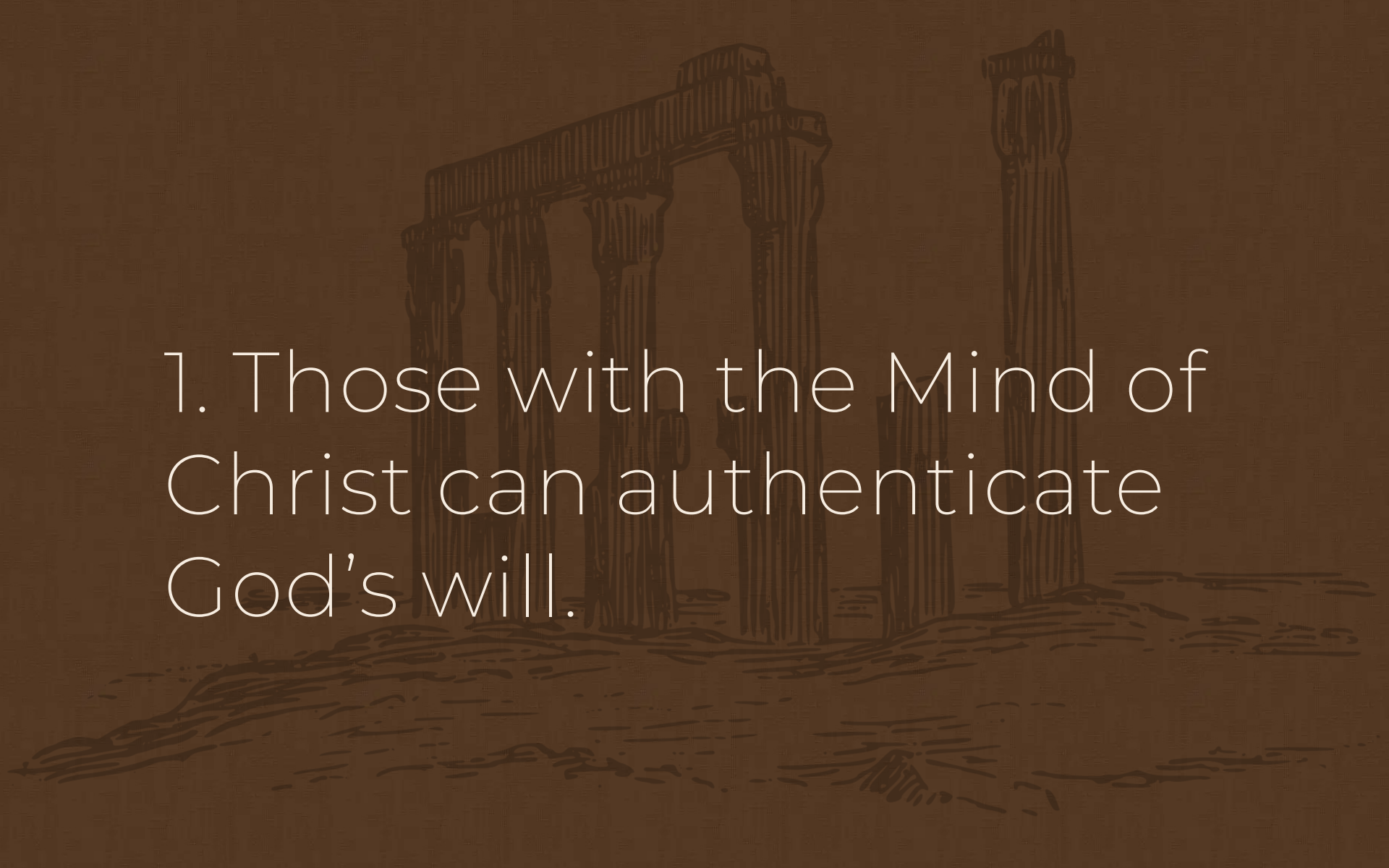
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- 2. Be transformed by the renewal of your mind**
- 3. God's will is- the good and pleasing and perfect.**



1. Those with the Mind of Christ can authenticate God's will.

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(The positive and the negative)

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Disenculturate

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Evil desires & the Flesh

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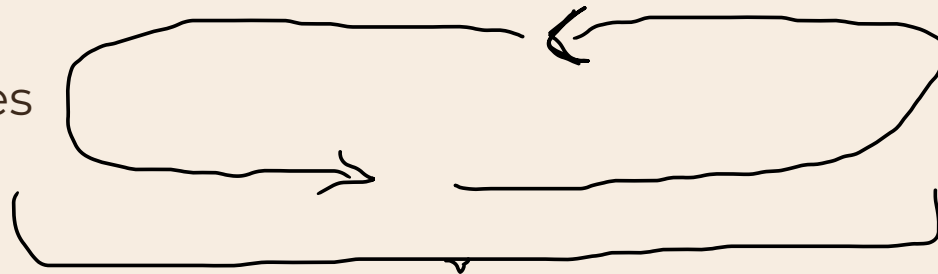
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Worldly approval



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THE MIND OF CHRIST



The Flesh and it's desires

Crucify/no provision
(Gal 5:24, Rom 13:14)

The World's approval

De-conform, become
"foolish" losing it's
approval (1 Cor 3:18)

Spiritual Deception

Resist the Devil, no
foothold
1 Pet 5:9, Eph 4:7

THE MIND OF CHRIST

Discipleship



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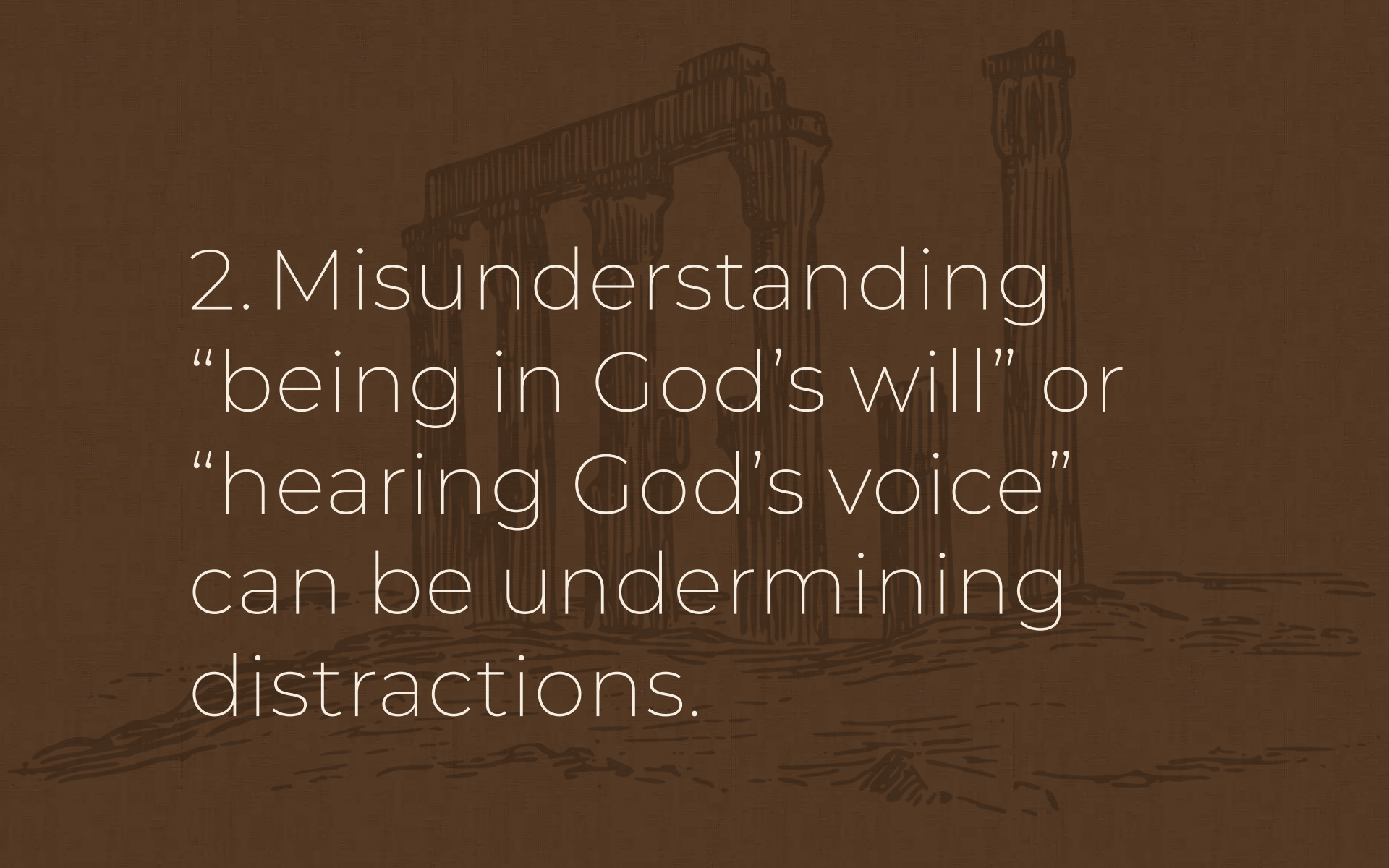
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2. Misunderstanding
“being in God’s will” or
“hearing God’s voice”
can be undermining
distractions.

GOD'S WILL

2 Common Distractions

Being "in" God's Will

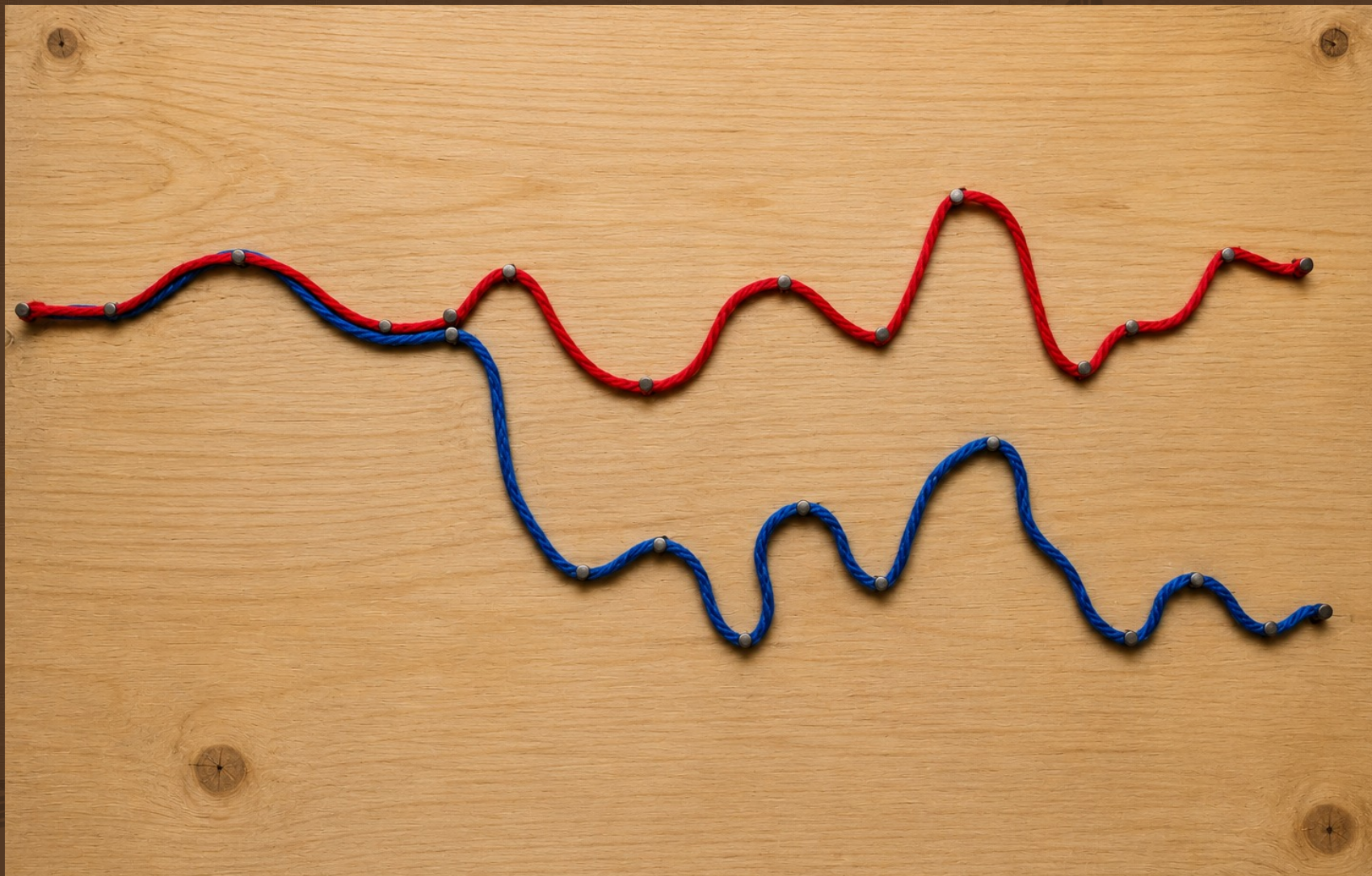
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Revealed Will







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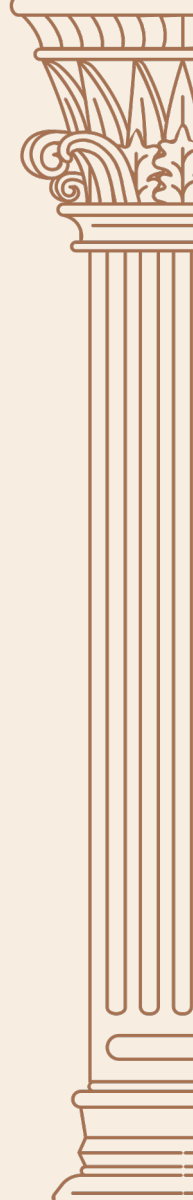
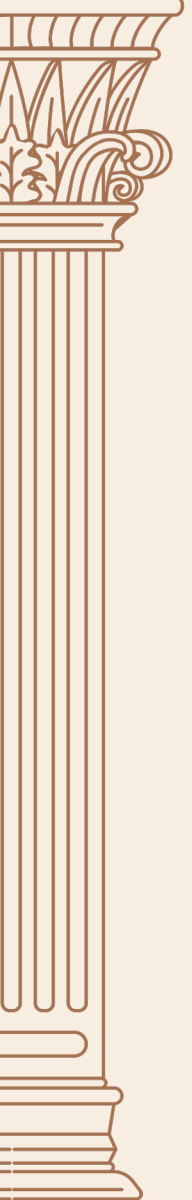

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JOHN 10:27A NIV84

“My sheep listen to my voice”

MORE CONTEXT:

John 10:24-29 NIV84

“²⁴The Jews gathered round him, saying, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.’ ²⁵Jesus answered, ‘I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no-one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.’”



KJV 1 KINGS 19:12

And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the
LORD *was* not in the fire:
and after the fire a still small voice.

Read this section of 1 Kings and ask yourself: is the point of this passage to tell me I should hear God's voice through internal impressions as a promised part of Biblical Spirituality?



PASTORAL LETTER ON HEARING GOD'S VOICE

[Hearing God's voice pastoral letter](#)

ROMANS 8:26-27 NIV84

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with **God's will.**”

God the Spirit prays for us emotionally and in God's will
(This is perfect help.)

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3. Authenticating God's will is learned through discipleship.

Discipleship is formational practice

JOHN 7:15-17 NIV84

“¹⁵The Jews were amazed and asked, ‘How did this man get such learning without having studied?’ ¹⁶Jesus answered, ‘My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me. ¹⁷If anyone chooses **to do God's will**, he will find out whether **my teaching comes from God** or whether I speak on my own.’”

Doing God's will authenticates it and makes one wise.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:3-5 NIV84

³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵And they did not do as we expected, but they **gave themselves first to the Lord** and then to us in keeping with **God's will.**"

"What would Jesus want me to do?"
was their only directing consideration.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-24

¹²Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

¹⁴And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else...”



1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-24 NIC

“...¹⁶Be joyful always; ¹⁷pray continually; ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances, **for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.** ¹⁹Do not put out the Spirit's fire; ²⁰do not treat prophecies with contempt. ²¹Test everything. Hold on to the good. ²²Avoid every kind of evil. ²³May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you completely. May the whole of you: spirit, soul and body be kept blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.



You need a plan for facing intimidation
and finding courage.

NIV84 Galatians 1:10

“¹⁰Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? **If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.**”

NIV84 1 Thessalonians 2:4

“⁴On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. **We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.**”

1 THESSALONIANS 4:2-6

“²For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³It is **God's will** that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶and that in this matter no-one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him.”

CHECK MY WORK:

“Will of God” ESV

Mk. 3:35, Rom. 8:27, 12:2, 1 Cor. 1:1, 2 Cor. 1:1, 8:5, Eph. 1:1, 6:6, Col. 1:1, 4:12, 1 Thess. 4:3, 5:18, 2 Tim. 1:1, Heb. 10:36, 1 Pet. 2:15, 4:2, 1 Jn. 2:17,

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Jn. 7:17, Rom. 1:10, 15:32, 1 Pet. 3:17, 4:19



GOSPEL

What is the good news to the one who
stinks at this and that speaks to my fear?

ROMANS 12:1-2

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, **in view of God's mercy**, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your reasoned act of worship.

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