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PRAYER

Our great God, we know you are our Father who knows what is best for us and how we might bring you the glory that you truly deserve. With this in mind, we want to ask, Lord, that you would have your way in us, no matter how hard that may prove to be. Let your will be done in us! In Jesus' name, Amen.

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Can you think of a time when you had to make a decision to do something that you didn't want to do at first, but are glad you made the choice in the end? What was that decision, and why are you glad that you were able to do it?

NOTES

WORD

¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.

[1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-22](#)

⁹ Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

[MATTHEW 6:9-10](#)

We can know what God's will is for our lives in prayer, in his Scriptures, and in making sure that our friendships and relationships with mentors accurately help us as we walk through life together.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10, how would you rate your ability to obey and follow those in authority when you disagree with their leadership decisions? Why do you rate it this way?
2. Do you find it easy to follow God's will for your life? Why or why not?
3. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances..." What should this look like in the life of someone who believes in God?
4. Sam Storm from *Desiring God* says that, "We quench the Holy Spirit when we rely decisively on any resource other than the Holy Spirit for anything we do in life and ministry." Can you think of anything in your own life that may prove to be a challenge in relying solely on the Holy Spirit for?

5. Are you trusting in God for his will to be done in your life? If not, would you like to? If so, who has God brought into your life that can help guide you to make sure that you are walking in what God has designed for your life as his will?

PRAYER LIST