



## **YOU WON'T WITHER IN HIS WILL**

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### **Luke 13:1-9**

### **GOD IS GOING TO GIVE US TIME TO BEAR FRUIT**

**13** Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' <sup>8</sup> "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

### **WE ARE ALL SINNERS**

### **Romans 3:23-24**

### **WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT ALL OF US ARE SINNERS**

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

### **Matthew 5:45**

### **CHALLENGING THINGS CAN HAPPEN TO PEOPLE THAT DO GOOD**

<sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

### **2 Peter 3:9**

### **GOD GIVES US TIME TO GET IT TOGETHER**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

### **THE WILL OF GOD**

### **Ephesians 5:1-17, 20**

### **THE STEPS TO LIVE IN THE WILL OF GOD**

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup> This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." <sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Romans 12:2**

### **INDICATORS THAT YOU ARE IN GOD'S WILL**

<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

## WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

## 2 Peter 2:21-22

## ARE YOU APPLYING WHAT YOU LEARN IN CHURCH?

<sup>21</sup> It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. <sup>22</sup> Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud."

## 1 Peter 4:12

## ARE YOU ASKING WHY OR WHAT YOU CAN LEARN?

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

## Proverbs 3:5-6

## DO YOU TRUST THE METHODS GOD USES TO TRANSFORM YOU?

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

## Hosea 10:12

## WHAT HAS HARDENED YOUR HEART?

<sup>12</sup> Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.

## 2 Peter 3:9

## WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE EXTRA TIME GOD GAVE YOU?

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

## Acts 3:19

## WHAT IS IT THAT YOU NEED TO REPENT FROM?

<sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

## IN CLOSING

## Hebrews 10:36

## IT'S TIME TO GET IN POSITION TO RECEIVE HIS PROMISES!

<sup>36</sup>You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

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**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** Packing Session Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30pm Coon Rapids Location

**RELATIONSHIP AND MARRIAGE BUILDERS** Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm

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