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FOUNDATIONS: what every Christian ought to know
THE WILL OF GOD
Acts 9:1-22

Misunderstandings about His will.

- God's will is like a **road** map.
- God's will is **miserable** and painful.
- God's will is just for a certain **class** of people.
- God's will is a very **dramatic** experience.
- God's will—if you **miss** it—you just miss it.
- God's will is a mystery, and you **hope** you can figure it out.

God's part in our discovering His will.

- God **guides** us by His Word. Acts 9:1-5, 7:1-60; Rom. 10:17; Jer. 29:11; Ps. 119:11, 105; 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Thess. 4:3
- God guides us by the **Holy** Spirit. Acts 9:17; 8:25-31; 16:9; Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:18; John 16:13; 14:26; Ps. 143:10
- God guides us by using **godly** people in our lives. Acts 9:10-12; Prov. 14:11; Acts 3:37-41; Matt. 20:20-23; Mark 14:33; John 13:23
- God guides us by **His** wisdom. Acts 9:20-22; James 1:5; Eph. 5:15-18

Our part in discovering His will.

- Our willingness to **know** His will. Acts 9:6; Jer. 29:13; Ex. 33:12-15; Ps. 103:7; 143:10; Matt. 26:36-46
- Our being teachable to **learn** it. Acts 9:8; Ps. 25:9; Deut. 8:3; Prov. 15:5, 12, 32; 2 Tim. 2:15; Matt. 4:4
- Our being **open** to do His will. Acts 9:6; Is. 6:8; Ps. 34:18; Matt 6:21; Prov. 3:5
- Our being **yielded** to do His will. Acts 9:8-11, 17; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; John 14:15; 4:34; Rom. 6:16-19; James 4:17; John 10:27; Ps. 37:4-5
- Our paying attention to **how** we are wired. 1 Pet. 4:10; Prov. 23:7