

**Yielding to
the Will of
God**

Disobedience of God's Will Has Consequences

Achan rejects God's instructions about Jericho (**Joshua 7**)

Saul rejects God's will for the Amalekites (**1 Samuel 15**)

Jeroboam rejects God after he is made king (**1 Kings 12**)

Jonah rejects God's call to preach to the Assyrians (**Jonah 1**)

There's only One who perfectly followed God's will and His faithfulness literally saved us.

Matthew 26:36-39 (ESV) ³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called **Gethsemane**, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Don't forget that Jesus 'emptied' Himself and took human form. He needed and asked for the support of His disciples who'd become His closest friends.

Notice the suffocating sorrow that impacted Jesus. He knew what was coming and asked for another option, but ultimately, He desired to do His Father's will.

Whether in small or large tasks, are you obedient to God's will?

Matthew 26:40-44 (NKJV) ⁴⁰ Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak." ⁴² Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." ⁴³ And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Jesus was in deep distress and very disappointed that they could not watch and pray with Him during His great time of need. We need to be wary of the weaknesses we have in the flesh.

Jesus surely was greatly disappointed again by their lack of prayerful support, but He remained faithful in prayer and in obedience to God's direction.

Are you obedient in prayer for fellow believers?

Matthew 26:45-47 (NIV₂₀₁₁) ⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!" ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

Jesus was direct in conveying what was transpiring and in His disappointment. If the disciples had only known what was coming, they would have forced themselves to stay awake

Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins (he probably had another motive since this was such a small sum of money). Yet, who could betray the Author of life for any sum! Ironically, Jesus could summon one angel to wipe out the entire crowd, but He was committed to do His father's will.

Jesus gave everything to purchase our salvation.
Are you willing to be a living sacrifice for Him and His Kingdom?