God's Will & Decision Making
Part 2: A Biblical Understanding of God's Will

God's Predestined Will

Isa 14:24; John 6:37-39; Acts 13:48; Rom 9:10-23; Eph 1:3-14; 1 Cor 12:7,11; Ps 139:13-14; Ps 139:16

God's Prescribed Will in Scripture

Matt 22:37-40; 1 Pet 1:16; 1 Cor 10:31

Everything you need to know and do, to completely obey and please God, has already been recorded in Scripture!   (Ps 119:1-3, 9; 1 Cor 4:6)

God's Permissive Will

God's Permissive Will are things for which God does <u>not</u> have a will at all, but leaves completely up to our own free will, desires, and logical reasoning.

God's will for all of your decisions is: 1) Obey Scripture with all your soul and strength, 2) Make wise decisions with your mind, and 3) Follow the desires of your heart.
(Gen 2:16-17).

If you were to ask God what He wanted you to do in a decision that is not addressed in Scripture, do you know what He would say? "Do what you want, and I will bless it."

God's Prayed for Will

James 4:2; 2 Kings 20:1-6; Matt 7:7-8

We can bring something into God's Will by asking for it.

(Prov 16:9) **The mind of man** [wisely] **plans his way** [and the heart of man pursues his good desires]. **But the LORD directs his steps** in ways we may not be able to recognize or explain.

Discussion questions:
1) What things in your life are in God's Predestined Will? How does this affect your life or make you feel?
2) Pastor Kurt taught that "Everything you need to know and do, to completely obey and please God, has already been recorded in Scripture." If you agree, how does this affect your life or make you feel?
3) Pastor Kurt God's Permissive Will is a broad path of options you can pursue according to your desires and God will bless your decision. If you agree, how does this affect your life or make you feel?
4) Pastor Kurt taught that God's Prayed for Will can bring something into God's will for your life by asking for it. How does this affect your life or make you feel?
5) What was most meaningful to you about this message?