***What Will God’s Will Do to Me?***

Ephesians 1:1-2

*How do you feel about God’s will?*

*“God loves me and has a wonderful plan for my life*.”

*Do I believe this?*

**God’s Will *makes something good out of my bad*.**

**Galatians 1:13 (NIV)**   
For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.

**1 Corinthians 15:9 (NIV)**   
For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

*Do I believe in miracles?*

*Do I believe God can make something good out of my bad?*

**God’s Will *puts me in a good place*.**

*As the root in the soil, the branch in the vine, the fish in the sea, the bird in the air, so the place of the Christian’s life is in Christ.*

Tyndale NT Commentaries – Ephesians.

*How do I see me? How do I see you?*

*Each day we are becoming a creature of splendid glory*

*or one of unthinkable horror.*

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

**God’s Will *comes from my good, good Father*.**

*So if we want a concise summary of the good news which the whole letter announces, we could not find a better one than the three monosyllables “peace through grace.”*

John Stott

**1 Timothy 1:13-14 (NIV)**   
13  Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14  The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

*How will you fill-in-the-blank?*

*Even though \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord*

*poured out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on me.*

*God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself,*

*because it is not there. There is no such thing.*

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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**Ephesians 1:4-9 (NASB)**   
4  … In love 5  He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to *the kind intention of His will*, 6  to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7  In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8  which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight 9  He made known to us the mystery of *His will, according to His kind intention* which He purposed in Him….

*We're not doubting that God will do the best for us;*

*we're wondering how painful the best will turn out to be.*