

Not My Will – PT II
Matt 26:39 (NIV)
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God gave us “Free will” and expects us to use it to serve Him. It is our will that makes us unique to all God’s creatures. Animals live on instinct, however, God gave us the ability to make decisions based on reasoning. Genesis 2:16-17 (ESV) says “And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”” Because they chose to disobey God, we now are living the consequences of their decision. Who is living according to the decision you made?

A. *Jesus promise to set us free - John 8:32-37 (NIV) 36 “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

B. *Jesus submitted His will to God – 2 Cor 5:21 (KJV, CEV)*

- *Matthew 26:39 (NIV) 39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”*
- *Luke 22:42 (NASB) 42 saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”*
- *John 6:38 (NASB) 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

C. *Dictionary Definition “Free Will”*

- *Submit (noun) - the power of acting without the constraint of necessity or fate; the ability to act at one's own discretion.*
- *Synonyms: self-determination, freedom of choice, autonomy, liberty, independence*
- *Adjective - (especially of a donation) given readily; voluntary.*

D. We have a free will to:

- 1. Chose to serve God - Joshua 24:15 (ESV), Mark 8:34 (ESV). Deuteronomy 11:1, 8-23 (NIV)**
- 2. Chose to submit to God - James 4:7 (NIV), 2 Chronicles 30:8 (NIV)**
- 3. Chose blessing and life - Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (ESV)**
- 4. Chose to repent - Ezekiel 18:30-32 (ESV), 2 Timothy 2:22-26 (NIV)**