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## **Introduction**

A real challenge everyone has to go through in the passage of life is to do the will of another.

The Bible records an interesting account of Jesus prioritizing His Father's will that initiated salvation to an entire community.

## **Text: John 4:32-38**

32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?"

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

37 For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.'

38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

We can do the will of the Father because we can:

**Ephesians 5:17** ... understand what the will of the Lord is.

**Colossians 1:9-11** ... be filled with the knowledge of His will.

**Romans 12:2** ...prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Jesus is the excellent example of one who always fulfilled His Father's will. **John 6:38** ... I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

How did Jesus prioritize His Father's will?

### **I. His whole reason for being was to do His Father's will (vv 32,34).**

a) Food is necessary for one to stay alive. Jesus likened his food to be doing the Father's will.

b) He mentioned food that is different from the norm ... not necessarily tangible or material.

He was making the point that when you do the Father's will many other things in life begin to look trivial.

### **II. People to be saved were more important to Him than anything else (v 35).**

a) He reached out to the Samaritan woman inspite of her past and His own physical need.

b) He reached out to His disciples inspite of their indifference and ignorance and gave them hope instead.

He was making the point that when you do the Father's will people will be saved.

### **III. Doing the Father's will means serving all the time (v 36-38).**

a) You should serve wherever and whenever there is an opportunity.

b) It does not matter what you are best at but all can serve one way or another.

He was making the point that when you do the Father's will there is great satisfaction and fulfillment.

**Conclusion**

Take account for your own life!

Who are you living for?

What is more important to you ... position, possession, pleasure OR people!

How will you serve the Lord?

Make HIS WILL ... your priority!