



a study on  
**PRAYER**



## Yes, No & Maybe

1. I am more independent than the needy pansies sitting around me.
2. God's plan for my life was pretty easy to discover.
3. When I pray, God gives me clear instructions on what I need to do to fulfill His calling in me.
4. I have already discovered what God's unique will is for my life.
5. It takes a human's lifetime to discover God's true will for your life.

## Dig Deeper

➤ **READ Matthew 6:10b (NIV)**

10 *"...your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven."*

» **10b Your will be done** - [to thelema sou - τὸ θέλημά σου] It can truly be said that we have not learned to pray at all until every request in our prayers is made subject to this one. "Your will be done" is the petition that determines the authenticity of the other upward petitions, for if we do not mean it, we cannot truly pray, "hallowed be your name" or "your kingdom come." Truly praying "your will be done" is fundamental to all true prayer.

- What does it mean to "surrender your will to God's?"

- What are some challenges you face in surrendering your will to God's?

» **on earth as it is in heaven** - [hos en ourano kai epi ges - ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς] Not only is God's will to be done by us, but we are to do it just as the believers are doing it in Heaven at this moment! How is it done in Heaven? Gladly, with no reservation.

- What is Jesus asking us to pray for when he tells us to pray, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"?

## Dig Deeper... Continued

### WHEN WAS GOD'S WILL WRITTEN FOR YOU?

#### ➤ READ Psalm 139:16 (NLT)

*You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.*

#### ➤ READ Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT)

*"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart..."*

#### ➤ READ Galatians 1:15 (NLT)

*15 But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace.*

#### ➤ READ Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

#### ➤ READ Romans 8:29 (NIV)

*For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

◀ God's will is not His **restriction**, but His **willingness** to give your life purpose and greater meaning—It is His ultimate plan that He wrote for **your** highest significance on earth as it is in heaven.

• How does this change your perspective of what Jesus taught you to pray for when you say, "Your will be done"?

• How can praying "Thy will be done" help you to focus on God's kingdom instead of your own?



## My Prayer...

1. What are some ways that I can grow in my faith as I pray this prayer?
2. What things do I need to learn more about God's will for my life?
3. What new aspect of God's character does He want me to know?