

## Choosing His Way

*For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.*

*I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being.*

Ephesians 3:14-16

Prayer results in transformation. The Kingdom of God will grow powerfully in those who seek the Lord. Paul knew this as he knelt on his knees asking the Lord to strengthen the church and bring life and vitality and strength to the inner being. We all know that Christianity is lived from the inside out. What God our Father establishes in our hearts becomes a way of life. If we just try to live a standard by pure discipline alone it will not last. Discipline is very important but more important is a changed heart. The ability to persevere in the midst of trials comes from a heart that has been convicted of truth, truth that is worth dying for.

One of the greatest things that can happen in your life is getting control of your will. Yes, the Lord gave you a will. He does not want you to be a robotic mechanism, but a living sacrifice willing to do what pleases Him. One person said that the will is like a sentry that stands in the night guarding our choices. Imitators of Christ say with Jesus, even when the going gets tough, not my will but yours be done. To get control over our will the inner being must be submitted to Jesus. This is what true spiritual growth is. It is the set of your heart when a decision is being made. When the winds of adversity blow, choose His way.

I love this poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox:

*One ship drives east and another west  
With the self same winds that blow.  
Tis the set of the sails,  
And not the gales,  
Which tells the way to go.  
Like the winds of the sea are the winds of fate  
As we voyage along through life.  
Tis the set of the soul,  
That decides the goal,  
And not the calm or the strife.*

Pray today with Paul that your inner being will be strengthened and transformed. Take notice where you resist change. Watch how a trial can make you react. Notice personal pain. Why is it there? The best way to break through is to understand the fundamental problem causing the pain and choosing His way not yours.