



## Sermon Title: Going to Jerusalem (When No One Thinks You Should!)

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**Scriptures:** When we (Luke and Paul's team) had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him (Paul) not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, "The will of the Lord be done!" [Acts 21:12-14]

1. Sometimes we need to read the directions and start over where **God's will** is concerned.
2. Jesus didn't instruct us to pray, "Thy will be done." He instructed us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done." And what God joined **together** we must not **separate**!
3. God's will is the outworking of His **love** for **us** - and for a broken **world**.
4. When you box with God you eventually discover His **arms** are **longer** than yours!
5. God wills more than the **blessing** of His people. He wills the **salvation** of those still outside His Kingdom. So, if we fail to consider the latter, we'll struggle to discern the former.
6. If we **overlook** God's Kingdom as we seek His will our search will be **limited**.
7. What's best for the **Kingdom** is ultimately best for **us**.
8. God's **people** may unknowingly **hinder** God's will.
9. The most **difficult** challenges to obeying God's will may come from those who **love** us.
10. We're prone to misinterpret God's will when we interpret it in light of our **emotions** rather than God's Kingdom **agenda**.

## Growth Group Questions

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#### KICK-OFF

1. What was your favorite TV show growing up?
2. Have you ever gone anywhere knowing that difficulty awaited you when you arrived? Explain.



#### THE GAME PLAN

1. Are there times when God's will seems confusing or frustrating to you? If so, how?
2. Has a close friend or family member ever tried to persuade you not to comply with what you believed to be God's will for you? Explain.
3. What points from today's sermon challenged you, impacted you, or caught your attention and why?

#### OVERTIME

1. Have you ever misinterpreted God's will for you? If so what were the circumstances and consequences?
2. Do you sometimes have difficulty looking through "kingdom" lenses? If so, why?

