

Struggling with God's will

- I. **Life can tempt us to compromise in God's will.**
 - a. We can compromise God's will (Gen 12:4; 16:16)
 - b. How do you determine when to wait on God and when to move?
 - i. Abrahams justifies his actions. Gen16:1-4;15-16
 - ii. The result of a compromise (Gen 16:5-6, 12)
 - iii. God does not want you to compromise your faith to accomplish His will.
 - iv. God wants you to walk in the Spirit to accomplish his will. Gen 17:1; Galatians 5:16,22,23

- II. **We are blessed as we walk in God's will.**
 - a. How does it look to walk in God's will? Genesis 17:1-5
 - i. We need to learn EL Shaddai (GOD ALMIGHTY)
 - ii. We need to walk before Him as Lord
 - iii. We need to worship Him as Lord
 - iv. We need to let our identity be shaped by Him (Abram to Abraham)
 - v. We will experience "I will" and not "my will". Genesis 17:6-8
 - b. By Surrendering to Gods will....
 - i. We have intimacy with God (circumcision), Gen 17:10-11
 - ii. Our family/ wife is blessed Gen 17:15.
 - iii. God brings laughter back to our brokenness. Contrast Gen 16:12 to 17:19
 - iv. The world is transformed.

Conclusion: Ephesians 5:15-17