



YES



NO

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- **We want to say YES to ‘whatever He has for us’**
- **If we are to say yes to what God has for us, then there are things we must learn to say NO to first**

NO / YES

- Disappointment
- Disgrace
- Distraction
- **NO** to Being Conformed to the World, **Yes** to being Transformed by the Word
- His Appointment
- His Grace
- His Traction
- **NO** to Life by the flesh, **Yes** to Life by the Spirit



**WE
SAY
YES**

We Say Yes to...

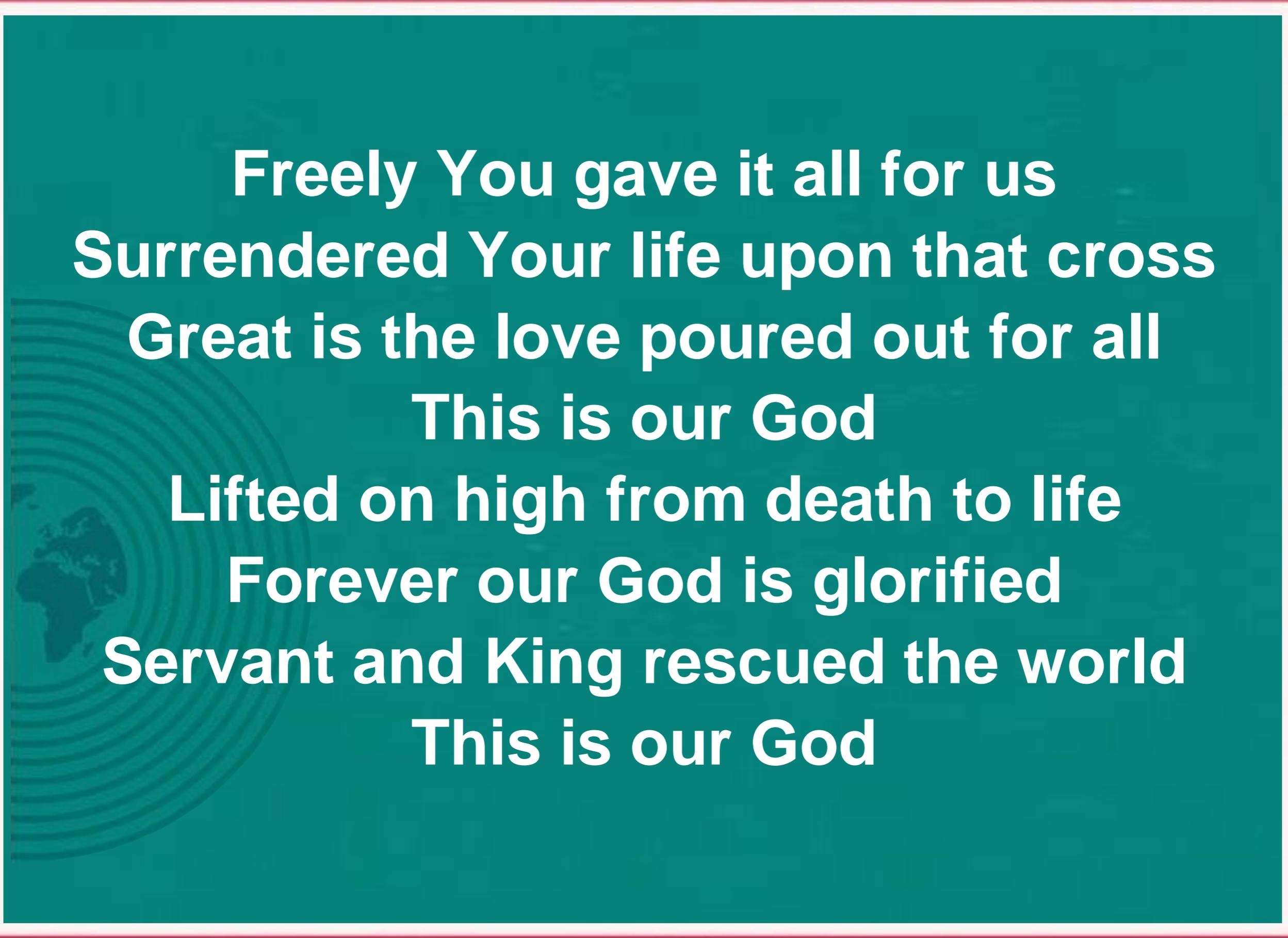
God's Will





Yet Not My Will

- **Luke 22:39** Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. **40** On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” **41** He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, **42** “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” **43** An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. **44** And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.



**Freely You gave it all for us
Surrendered Your life upon that cross
Great is the love poured out for all
This is our God
Lifted on high from death to life
Forever our God is glorified
Servant and King rescued the world
This is our God**

**There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
‘Yet not my will but Yours,’ He said.**

**This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.**

**For me it was in the garden,
He prayed: “Not my will, but Thine.”
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.**

**How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Saviour’s love for me!**

- **Romans 8 “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”**
- **We want to live in the life on offer by the Spirit**
 - **Overcomes the flesh**
 - **Assures us who we are**
 - **Empowers us to live for Him**
 - **Leads to future glory**

- **Romans 12 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.
2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”**

Discerning His Will

- Renew your mind - with God's word, and with His voice
- Grow in Him and you will learn His ways and His will
- Children learn their parents will through relationship

Discerning His Will for You

- 1Thess 4:16 “Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
- His will is always starts with what is happening IN you
- It is less about where you are than WHO you are

The Conflict is Upstairs

- **Our flesh and our spirit are in conflict**
 - **Romans 8:5** Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.
- **We decide the winner**
 - **The battle is in our minds**
 - **Romans 8:6** The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Self Control

- “...the ability to subdue one's impulses, emotions, and behaviours in order to achieve longer-term goals”
(according to psychologytoday.com)

Biblical Self Control

- It is not about simply getting a grip of yourself and trying to stop or control certain behaviours
- Its not just about our own will power
- It is a fruit that grows as we live by The Spirit
- It is about the power of knowing God's will

Follow The Ultimate Example

- **Hey 12 “since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”**

Yet Not My Will

- **“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” (Luke 22:42)**
- **One of the greatest trinitarian mysteries!**
- **Even Christ (God) had to overcome His own will in order to choose the will of the Father (God)**

Will

- **NOUN:** The faculty by which a person decides on and initiates action
- **VERB:** literary, formal Intend, desire, or wish (something) to happen. (Oxford Dictionary)
- **θέλημα (thelēma)**
 - **thelēma** (from **thélō**, "to desire, wish") – properly, a desire (wish), often referring to God's "preferred-will," i.e. His "best-offer" to people which can be accepted or rejected. (Strong's Dictionary)

But Your Will Be Done

- No one understands better than Jesus how difficult it is for human flesh to embrace the will of God
- No human has suffered more in embracing the will of God the Father than God the Son
- He doesn't call us to follow Him in any way that He Himself has not had to wrestle with... He knows our every temptation, trial and tribulation

But Your Will Be Done

- **Amazing things can happen when we say YES to Him**
- **The greatest acts of obedience and sacrifice often lead to the greatest breakthroughs and moves of God**

“I would have burst if I had not prayed. What boiled me was that verse, ‘God commending His Love.’ I fell on my knees with my arms over the seat in front of me, and the tears and perspiration flowed freely. I thought blood was gushing forth. Mrs. Davies, Mona, New Quay, came to wipe my face. On my right was Mag Phillips, and on my left Maud Davies. For about two minutes it was fearful. I cried, ‘Bend me! Bend me! Bend us!’ Then, ‘Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!’ and Mrs Davies said, ‘O wonderful Grace!’ What bent me was God commending His Love, and I not seeing anything in it to commend. After I was bent a wave of peace came over me, and the audience sang, ‘I hear Thy welcome Voice.’ And as they sang I thought of the bending at the Judgement Day, and I was filled with compassion for those who would be bent on that day, and I wept.

Henceforth the salvation of souls became the burden of my heart. From that time I was on fire with a desire to go through all Wales, and, if it were possible, I was willing to pay God for allowing me to go.”

(Evan Roberts, 1904)

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Ask the Right Question

**Lord, what would You
have me do today?**

**Sometimes you'll like the answer,
sometimes you won't - but when its
HIS WILL its always the RIGHT WAY**

Your Kingdom Come...

- Your will be done...
- Are we really ready to pray that today?
- We may not be ready for the reality of what that might require of us
- But if we do say yes to whatever He has for us then we will be embracing what is truly and eternally the very best we can have!

We Say Yes to...

God's Will

