



Key Notes

Many of us spend our lives asking the wrong questions. Consequently, we remain stuck in our spiritual ruts. The questions we love are those that are easy to answer and, frankly, have little power to transform our lives. Such questions are "safe." One of our favorites is this: *When did you "say the prayer" and ask Jesus into your heart?*

To be honest, I've almost stopped asking this question because I find so often it misses the point and diverts us from the real issue. Now, I find another question gets a more meaningful response. Let me ask it to you this morning. But be warned, this question is not "safe." It may rock your world. *When did you surrender your will to His will?*

Go ahead, answer it. I'll wait....

Many of us have believed a "Gospel" that asks nothing and demands nothing. We've been told that salvation is free and have drawn the faulty conclusion that nothing is required in return. Think again.

Like a horse that has never been broken, if you cannot describe the time when Jesus became Lord of your life, you will be of little service in the Master's kingdom... if indeed you are *in* his kingdom! Wild horses may be beautiful on the outside. But until their will is broken, they are ego-centric rebels on the inside.

There are only two kinds of people in the end; those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, "Thy will be done." (C. S. Lewis).

Dear friend, your will is the only thing you really possess. Your health, wealth, talents, abilities and possessions are all on loan. But your will is your own. But here is the rub: your will is the only thing He really wants. God is not really interested in your time, your gifts or your talents. What He wants is you!

Has He conquered your will? This is where the battle is lost or won. I urge you, raise the white flag of surrender. Give Him the keys to the inner fortress of your will. This is the only way to experience freedom, joy, and power!

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with Thine, To do and to endure.
(Edwin Hatch)*

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Matthew 26:36-46