



Dealing with our past
in order to discover our future.

James 4:13-17

3 keys from Proverbs 3:1-6

Obey, Act and Trust

like the scriptures call us to?

We began by asking some revealing questions



- Where are we?
- How did we get here?
- And where are we going?

Where are we? Let's ask some pointed questions...

How many of us would say that we are actively sharing the gospel?

How many of us would say that we have a passion for Prayer?

Would you say that building and growing in loving relationships with new folks here at NZ is a priority for you?

Would you say that your service to the Lord's work gets your very best efforts?



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Truths that God wants to show us.

Vr 15 the main point. "if it is Gods will?"

- **Seeking Gods will,**
- **Submitting to Gods Will,**
- **Trusting Gods will,**
- **The Results of Rejecting Gods will.**

Why is it so important that we place such a high priority on His will for our lives?



- You do not know What tomorrow will hold.
- Your life is fragile and temporary.
- Seeking and submitting to His will places everything under His care and abilities.
- To reject His will or never consider His will is an act of arrogance and is rooted in evil hearts.

To know His Will and reject it, IS SIN.



How do these truths apply to us?

2 levels. On a personal level and as the church.

- **Personal:** *“I know that I am God’s child BUT have I rejected His will for my life and as a result of that SIN God has removed His presence from my life and / or brought a correcting force into my life in order for me to acknowledge my sin through proper confession and repentance?”*
- **The Church:** *“Can we look back at our past and identify some moment when we made the decision to reject God’s will for our own?”*
- When was the last time God gave us clear vision for His will?
- God gave us something’s to fix and God gave us somethings to make a priority. Pretty simple. **So what happened?**

God will not lead us into the future until we deal with the sin that still lingers from our past! That is true in my life, your life and in the church.



Questions.

- When was the last time that God clearly made His presence and will known to you personally?
- How did you respond to it?

What truth has God revealed to you today?

P3 Keys...

Will you respond with obedience?

Will you act with a balance of love and truth?

Will you trust God with the process and results?