

# **Anchored In God's Will**

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*"At the center of self-will is me, carving a world in my image, but at the center of prayer is God, carving me in His Son's image."*

— Paul E. Miller

- **Living in Your Fathers Story**

<sup>6</sup> "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"

**Isaiah 58:6 NIV**

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

**Luke 4:18-19 NIV**

<sup>7</sup> Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

**Matthew 10:7-8 NLT**

- **Seeing Through Jesus Eyes**

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

**Isaiah 58:7 NIV**

<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. <sup>36</sup> I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me. <sup>37</sup> "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? <sup>39</sup> When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you? <sup>40</sup> "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!

**Matthew 25:35-40 NLT**

- Living Out the Gospel Story

<sup>8</sup> Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, <sup>10</sup> and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

**Isaiah 58:8-10 NIV**

*“In Gethsemane the holiest of all petitioners prayed three times that a certain cup might pass from Him. It did not.”*

— C.S. Lewis

*“We can’t pray effectively until we get in touch with our inner brat. When we see our own self-will, it opens the door to doing things through God. Instead of singing, “My Way,” we enter into God’s story and watch Him do it His way. No One Works like Him.”*

— Paul E. Miller

- The Blessing of Living in Gods Will

<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring. <sup>12</sup> Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as a builder of walls and a restorer of homes.

**Isaiah 58:11-12 NLT**