



“God’s Will for You and Me”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

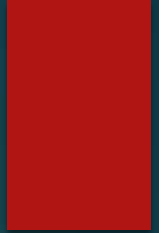
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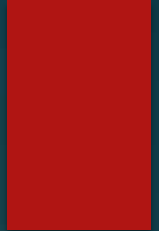
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Jesus for you.

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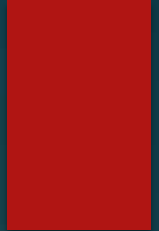
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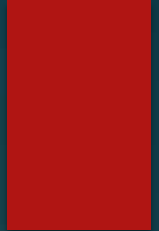
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2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

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God's Secret and Revealed Will

Deuteronomy 29:29 (ESV)

29 “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

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3. If you want to discover God's will for your personal life, you will remember that He has commanded His followers to give thanks no matter what the circumstances might be.

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4. If you want to be a Christ-follower who rejoices continually, prays continually, and gives thanks continually, you will

1) remember that past mercies of God shown to you,

2) recall God's promises presently spoken for you, and

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4. If you want to be a Christ-follower who rejoices continually, prays continually, and gives thanks continually, you will

3) anticipate future expressions of God's grace yet to be shown to you because of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in your place.