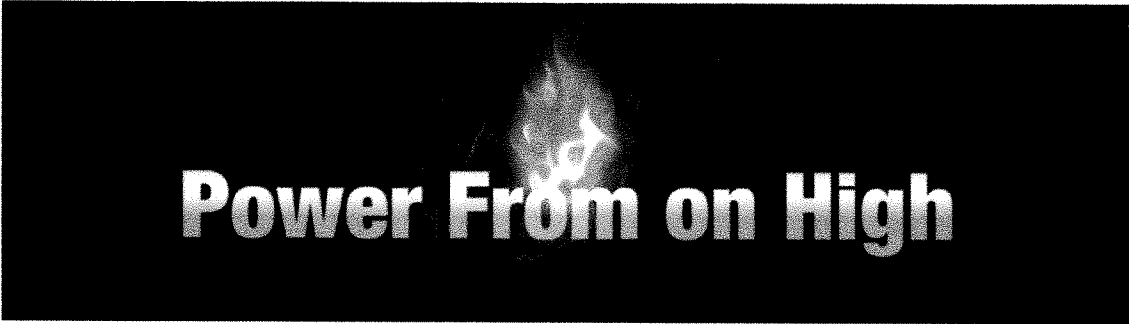




Power From on High

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Warning and Danger, Part 2

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How faith and conviction work together:

Deeply rooted convictions transform belief into radical and unwavering obedience in the face of uncertainty or suffering.

Four ways God manifests His will:

1. His _____ will

This is God's will that's is revealed to us in Scripture through His commandments, laws, and instructions.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

2. His _____ will

This describes what God allows to happen even if it is not what He prefers morally.

His permissive will gives room for human choice and includes permitting sin, evil and suffering for His greater purpose.

Genesis 50:20 “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

3. His will of _____. (Wish will)

His will of desire is what He wants to come to pass in harmony with His goodness and loving nature, even when the events He allows are not in line with His preferred will.

1 Timothy 2:3–4 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Ezekiel 33:11 “Say to them, ‘As I live!’ declares the Lord God, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?’

4. His _____ (Sovereign) will

His decreed will is His eternal will that is certain come to pass because nothing can hinder it.

Isaiah 46:9–11 “Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’; 11 Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.

Acts 21:7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and after greeting the brethren, we stayed with them for a day.

8 On the next day we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of Philip **the evangelist**, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him.

Acts 5:8 - Chosen as a deacon

Acts 8:4-40 - Fled to Samaria and evangelized the
Ethiopian Eunuch

The two meeting up after 20 years is interesting.

9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses.

Why does the Holy Spirit insert these details?

- They were unmarried
- They were prophetesses

The gift of prophecy functioned in two capacities.

1. _____ - Predictive

What God will bring to pass in the future.

2. _____ - Declarative

What God wants us to know in the present.

Philip's daughters could not have been forthtellers in the sense of formal preachers.

1 Timothy 2:12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

There are nine women specifically named as true prophetesses:

Miriam (Exodus 15:20)

Deborah (Judges 4:4),

Huldah (2 Kings 22:14)

Isaiah's wife (Isaiah 8:3),

Anna (Luke 2:36-38),

Four virgin daughters of Philip (Acts 21:8-9)

Two were false prophetesses

Noadiah (Nehemiah 6:14)

Jezebel (Revelation 2:20)

Probably a fictitious name for a woman who influenced the church in the way Jezebel influenced the OT Jews into idolatry and immorality (1 Kin. 21:25, 26)

Women were important

Tabitha (Dorcas), Mary, the Mother of John Mark, Lydia, Priscilla

10 As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

The **apostles** spoke revelation that was primarily doctrinal.

The **prophets** had a practical kind of revelation.

11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' "

His prophecy was reminiscent of OT prophets.

1 Kings 11:29–39; Isa. 20:2–6; Jer. 13:1–11; Ezek. 4–5

12 When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem.

**They let their _____ and emotions
cloud the truth.**

13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Ezekiel 3:8–9 “Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. 9 “Like emery harder than flint I have made your forehead. Do not be afraid of them or be dismayed before them, though they are a rebellious house.”

14 And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, “The will of the Lord be done!”

Three categories of commitment: (conviction)

1. _____ commitment

2 Timothy 4:10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

2. _____ commitment.

Acts 5:1–3 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2 and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife’s full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles’ feet. 3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land?

3. _____ commitment

Luke 9:57–62 As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow You wherever You go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

59 And He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.” 60 But He said to him, “Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.”

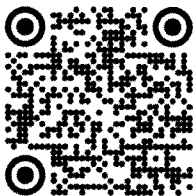
61 Another also said, “I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home.” 62 But Jesus said to him, “No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:23 And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

What personal comforts or commitments are we prioritizing above following Jesus?

Discussion Guide

1. How did Paul's response to the warnings demonstrate his faith and commitment to God's will, even in the face of potential imprisonment or death?
2. The believers begged Paul not to go to Jerusalem after hearing the prophecy. What can we learn from them regarding feelings and emotions and how they can hinder our obedience and our ability to believe?
3. The group concludes by saying, "The will of the Lord be done" (verse 14). How can this statement serve as a model for accepting God's plan even when it involves suffering or loss?
4. What personal comforts or commitments are you prioritizing above following Jesus?



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ANSWERS: revealed, permissive, desire, decreed, Foretelling, Forthtelling, feelings, Incomplete, Superficial, Conditional