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Hope For Wholeness Referral Ministry

*He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b*

**THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE:** *"...For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent Me..." John 6:38*

This month's Meditation Scripture and article first appeared in June 2017

### [Choosing the Will of God](#)

Jesus was very clear with the Jews in stating that His intent here on earth was to do His Father's will, not His own, as shown above in our meditation Scripture. Jesus had no other agenda. The Father sent Him to earth to make a way for mankind to be reconciled to God through the work of the cross and resurrection, paying for the sins of the world, which came into being through the disobedience of Adam.

Jesus was even more explicit when He declared to the Jews in an earlier teaching, saying, "...I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me..."

King David, who was described as a man after God's own heart, knew the wisdom and value of doing the Father's will. In Psalm 40:8, he wrote, "I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart." The Hebrew word for delight describes a person whose bent or inclination is towards something particular, which produces pleasure in the one taking delight. In another Psalm, 143:10, David writes, "Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground." Here David acknowledges that choosing God's will is something one must be taught by the Spirit of God. So, David's inclination or bent to do God's will was something he learned. Man's natural inclination is towards sin, but David learned the lesson to the point of that desire to do His will becoming his natural bent.

But even with his inclination to do the Father's will, we know there were times when David did not choose it. He was an adulterer and a murderer, a deceiver and disobedient to God. In all of these things, David had the chance to choose Father's will, but didn't.

We have the same ability, responsibility really, and instruction to choose to do Father's will in our lives today. Paul instructs the Ephesians in 5:15-17, "Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil (hurtful, diseased, lewd). So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

We can understand what the will of the Lord is through the Scriptures, through prophetic words, through taking counsel with other believers we trust, and through the

promptings of the Holy Spirit in our prayer life. Remember that doing the will of God is tied to eternal life with Him as stated in 1 John 2:17, "And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever." The choice of how we will spend eternity is ours to make. What's your choice?

### **Responses From You**

From a pastor/teacher: Daniel, thanks for reporting this. My heart is saddened by the behavior of the so-called Christians at the Library that day. I'm sure they think they are being bold and courageous for God, when in fact they are only re-enforcing and deepening the hatred on both sides. God's love doesn't work that way.

From a sister in Louisville, KY: Daniel thank you for sharing. I agree with you on every point you made. If Jesus had been there I believe he might have been bold but would have been reaching these people with compassion.

From a sister in Winchester, KY: Often the church is her own worst enemy. Focus on Abba's heart, the fruit of the Spirit, for what we focus on will surely grow.

From a brother in Lexington, KY: We could have an interesting discussion some day. I am disturbed by the very different ways the Biblical sins are interpreted. It seems to me it usually amounts to "your sins are abhorrent but mine aren't so bad".

From a sister in Louisville, KY: Thank you Daniel, I appreciate all you have done and with compassion and the heart of the Father, instead of harshness and judgment. You nailed it - God's kindness leads people to repentance.

From a sister in OH: Thank you for sharing this, Daniel. You have expressed my heart in your words, we cannot confront anyone with whom we disagree, by belittling and condemnation. That's not what Jesus would do. Bless you for your consistent good work.

From a brother in Louisville, KY: Epic post Daniel! I'm sorry it happened but praise God you have the wisdom to act as we are called to respond!

From a sister in Lexington, KY: I have no words right now 😞

### **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Overcomers Group: Thur, June 27, 2019; Thur, July 11, 2019 canceled; Thur, July 25, 2019  
Family/Friends Group: Tues, July 2, 2019; Tues, July 16, 2019 canceled; Tues, July 30, 2019

### **Upcoming Prayer Initiatives**

Louisville Prayer Breakfast: Wednesday, July 3, 2019, Ramada Inn on Zorn Ave at I-71, Salon D, 7:00-8:30am, \$6.00 continental breakfast. Speaker is Teresa Pina of New Beginnings Family Services

1 Voice Prayer Movement: Friday, July 12, 2019; Simmons College of Kentucky, 1028 South Seventh St., Louisville, KY 40203; 6:00pm

### [Upcoming Conference](#)

Hope for Wholeness Conference: Exalt! 2019 July 10-13, 2019; Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC

### [Scholarship Fund for the Hope for Wholeness Conference](#)

Time is running out! We are just less than two weeks away! We need your help! Each year we ask for your financial support to assist those who would like to attend the conference, but are financially unable. Your tax-deductible donations allow those in our Overcomers and Family & Friends groups to be able to attend this all-important event. If you are unable to go, but can help someone else, please make your checks payable to Abba's Delight and mail them to the address at the top of our newsletter, noting "scholarship fund" on the check's memo line. If you are not part of either group, your contributions are most welcomed, too! Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

A BIG THANK YOU! To those who have already given!

### [Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

- New participants for our Overcomers Group
- New members for our Family & Friends Group
- Ministry finances
- Open doors to churches so pastors and staff can be effectively equipped
- Opportunities to exhibit Abba's Delight ministry at outside conferences
- Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry that they would continue to grow closer to the Lord and fulfill each of their destinies in Him
- The Hope for Wholeness Network (of which Abba's Delight is a referral ministry) in selecting a new Executive Director
- 1 new female Director for Abba's Delight's Board. (If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact me).

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***Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25***