

Unwrapped

“Perfectly Willing”

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John 3 ¹⁶ “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

What is my response to the gift of Jesus?

Introducing God’s Plan

(Luke 1:29-35, pg 613 in SCC Bible)

- God’s plans may not make sense to me
- Mary responded with willingness

Luke 1 ³⁸ Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.

(Matthew 1:18-21, pg 577 in SCC Bibles)

- God’s way might go against my way
- Joseph responded with obedience

Matthew 1 ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

Willing to Go God’s Way

(Luke 2:1-7, pg 614 in SCC Bibles)

Mary and Joseph’s radical obedience took...

- knowing God’s will *and*
- doing it

When we’re willing to do things God’s way we...

- may receive ridicule
- won’t be comfortable
- will be completely fulfilled

Going Deeper...

For discussion or personal study

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“Perfectly Willing” – part 1 of 4

Questions

1. What was the best Christmas gift I received as a child? How did I respond?
2. Why don’t God’s ways of doing things make sense to us?
3. Why are our ways usually different than God’s ways?
4. Why are willingness and obedience to God important? What happens if we’re not willing or obedient?
5. Which is more difficult... knowing or doing God’s will?
6. What are the positives and negatives of doing things God’s way? Is it worth it?

Scripture

Read Proverbs 3:5-6.

- Why is my own understanding so limited?
- What does it mean to seek God’s will?
- What is the result of seeking God’s will? What does that mean?

Application

- How can I know God’s will for my life? Am I seeking it?
- Am I perfectly willing to go God’s way with my life? How do I know?