

SERIES: August / September Series "HE IS ENOUGH" SPEAKER: NAT CRAWFORD Saturday, 10/02/2021 Scripture: Colossians 4:17-18 TITLE: Christ is Enough

What is God's will? I get this question a lot. I ask this question a lot. Now, theologians and seminarians like to pontificate on the different aspects of God's will. I get it. I like doing it. But when we're talking practically, God's will can be summarized in just two words.

So what is God's will?

Let's turn one last time to the book of Colossians. Today we wrap up our study of the book of Colossians. Colossians 4:17-18 (NLT).

"And say to Archippus, 'Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you.' HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING—PAUL. Remember my chains. May God's grace be with you."

What is God's will? Paul says that Archippus is "to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you." Now, Paul said it in more than two words. He says, "Carry out the ministry." I can distill it down to those two words: glorify God. God has given each of us the same mission: glorify God by carrying out the ministry He gives us. The where and to who is unique to each of us but the what: the great commission is all the same.

The by-product of aiming to glorify God is a life of wearing our new nature in Christ. It's living a life on purpose for a purpose with the right motives. Again, what is God's will? For us to glorify God. Why? How? It's in knowing and believing that Christ is enough.

You see now that the set is empty. The books are gone. The paintings are gone. The desk is gone. My job is still the same: glorify God because Christ is enough. Christ is enough for my salvation. Christ is enough for my rest and peace. Christ is enough in all areas of my life. Even when I have nothing left to my name. Christ is enough. Paul was willing to give up prestige, influence, resources, comfort, and his future all to glorify God because Christ was enough.

Now the question is, what about you? Is Christ enough? When your family abandons you in the nursing home, is Christ enough? When your employer fires you for your convictions or for their own monetary gains, is Christ enough? When the diagnosis is cancer or terminal, is Christ enough? When you're single, divorced, or rejected, is Christ enough? When your bank account reads negative \$100, is Christ enough? When you sit alone each day at lunch and get bullied after school, is Christ enough?

The answer is yes. The question now is will you believe it?

Christ left heaven to come and save you. God-in-the-flesh was rejected and murdered to pay for your sin. Christ has promised to meet all your needs. Christ promises peace, rest, and hope. He is enough. So this is my challenge for you today: go all in and never look back.

Colossians 1 declares that Christ created the universe. He sustains the universe. He is, therefore, preeminent over everything. He demands and deserves first place. He is enough. So today, follow Christ wherever He leads. Love Christ no matter who rejects you. And rest in Him each and every day. Christ is enough.