

If you say "I will", Do it 3/11/90 Ann
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As the Lord began to inspire
Today's message on our hearts, it was
as tho He was ~~saying~~ ^{saying} "Think Back"
Reflect on how many times you
said "I will and didn't" // And I
must tell you there were more
times than I like to remember //

How often we hear people say, "I will"
but never get around to doing it //

How often people are heard to say,
"Lord, you name it and I'll do it"
yet never give evidence that
they did //

And dear people,
That's very sad — And here's

why:
People hear us say we have the
heart // They hear us make a
commitment // And they watch us
very carefully //

They want to know if we are going
to keep that commitment // They
want to know just how serious
we feel it is to keep our word to God //

It's important to keep our word
And here's why of many people use our
testimony when considering making
a commitment of their own

If they see no honesty, they are confused

If they see no change in us / they
will never be convinced that they
need to change or things. And we have
become a stumbling block to them

oh but history, God blessed and used those
who say "I will" and keep their
promise to Him. The Bible tells
us of many who were wonderfully
used of God because they kept
their word to Him.

NOAH was a man who felt that it
was important to be honest & faithful
to God. In Genesis Chapter 6 Verse
8 you'll find these words "Noah found
Grace in the eyes of the Lord"

what an unusual thing it was in
that day for God to be able to say
something good about a man.

21 you see
Verse 5 tells us that "God saw the wickedness of man was great and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"

God was displeased with the rest of the world // But He was pleased with Noah //

Noah became a vessel of God's mercy - He became an instrument in the hands of God. And the reason for it was this, "God could count on Noah" If he said "I will" God knew Noah would //

Genesis 6:9 says. "Noah was a Just man (He stood justified before God) And Perfect"

Now this does not mean "perfect" in the sense of "sinless perfection" / But rather "perfect" in the sense of "perfect sincerity" And perfect Submission //

Here's why: because he walked with God" He was in communion with God // when God looked down, He looked with favor on this man who said "I will & did"

Let me Ask, when God looks down
today, does He look down with favor
on you and me? // Is our walk one
that pleases God? // Oh I hope so //

Oh my soul, it's wonderful to read about
people of commitment isn't it // People
who God ~~can~~ ^{could} count on, people who
say "I WILL" and "Do" //

Oh but
of all the examples we have, none surpass
the example of our Lord Jesus // There was
never a question of His commitment -
hard ren hearts, there should never be a
question of ours either //

Let's look at the example given left us:
Part of it is found in Luke 22 Verses 39-42

Let's read it right now - Luke 22:39-42

"And He (Jesus) arose and went out
as He was wont (Or As was His custom)
to the mount of Olives, and His disciples
followed Him. And when He was at
the place, He said unto them, "Pray
that ye enter not into temptation."
(Pray that you'll remain faithful)

3/ "And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

Now I know there is much more to this Account ① How the Angels came and ministered to Jesus. ② How He prayed with such intensity that as He prayed it was as tho Great Drops of blood fell to the ground ③ I know the Account tells how Jesus found the disciples asleep - but it seems very proper for our thinking to be on our Lord's Commitment, as we consider our

when Jesus said: "Not my will, but thine be done" He was saying: "God you name it and I'll do it" And He did

Jesus was totally submissive to the Father, and we'd never please God as we ought until we too are completely submissive to Him too - Unconditionally surrendered to Him -

May I remind you that it was necessary
for Jesus to make this commitment because
he was Human as well as Divine.

Oh listen that commitment will
always be the perfect example
of what God demands of you and me —

The Human Side of Jesus was hurting terribly.

Matthew quotes Jesus as saying: "My
Sweat is exceeding sorrowful"

Perhaps it was concern for the disciples!

Perhaps the foreknowledge of the suffering

on the cross was laying heavily on his

heart. Yet the Divine Side of Jesus

remembered that, "Before there was time

he had already said "I will" to God!

— Agreeing to be the perfect sacrifice"

And the Human Side was asking for strength to do it

Would you notice how Jesus humbled

himself? Luke says: "He knelt down"

while Matthew said: "He fell on his face"

— *prayer of adoration*

Oh listen, this is not a contradiction in

the scriptures — Not at all both

written tell us what Jesus did: *prayer of adoration*

4/ "He Humbled Himself before God"
And that's what we need to do // you
see a proud person will never make an
unconditional surrender of self to God,
but the humble person will

Jesus Humbled Himself before God, And His
Commitment was a Lasting One

You know how we were asked you to pray
with us about the drought of Missouri
we were experiencing of late / we
told you that we didn't know why
there had been no snow —

but I wonder // could it be that
we're touched as the problem today?
Have we just been told what the
reason could be?

could it be that we have become a people
too proud to humble ourselves before
God? I said: could it be?

Oh listen dear people, God knows the
reason // God knows our hearts
and so do we — (Think about that)

Did you notice, "Here was the very
son of God humbling himself"

May I Ask Again: Could our problem be
Pride? Could it be that we are afraid
that a commitment to God would weaken
our standing among our peers?

Oh Listen Dear Hearts "If we are more
concerned about what people think than
what God wants us to do, we need
Revival much more than any of
us may have imagined

If our problem is: "What will my peers
think rather than what would God have
me do" there is no wonder that there
are over 8 million lost & unchurched
people in Texas, with that number
growing every day. Think about that too

Oh Listen, "From both Kneel & Bell as
His face as He laid to God, "I Surrender
all" And He expects us to follow
His example. (I believe it
with all my heart)

When Jesus Knew And then Fell on the
face He was saying: Oh God, Forget the
Crucifixion, there are least multitudes out
there, And I'll do anything to see
them saved" I believe Jesus was

also saying: "Oh God, I love them too
much to allow them to die last, and
spend all eternity in Hell" (That's what I believe)
when Jesus said "I will", it was sealed —

Suppose God Asked you today (and I believe
this morning, And he's God's way of asking)

"Are you really born for the best? // Do
you have them enough to share the good
news? // What would you say to God? //

Knowing all the while that He has
already read your heart? What would you say

would you have to say, Lord, people will
never listen to me now. Because I've
denied "I will" before, and never did —

Oh but listen dear people, "Peter
did it," Peter said to Jesus "I will die
before I deny you" yet he denied Jesus //
Oh but when Peter said to Jesus, Lord, I
will never deny you now And anyone on any thing —

People began to listen to Him // We are told
that thousands listened to Peter, and
that thousands were saved" Why?

Unconditionally
because Peter ~~completely~~ surrendered
himself to Jesus - His sincerity was
convincing // Peter had no place
in Peter's life, but commitment did

Here's what Peter said to Jesus: "Lord, you
know the depth of my love, and Lord,
from this day forward, when I say
"Lord", there'll be no room to doubt
"who is Lord of my life" (when I say
"I will", you can consider it done) //

Oh dear hearts There are some who call
Jesus Lord ^{today} but they're not allowed
him to control their lives - // And we need
to remember the words of Jesus when he
said: "Not everyone who calls me Lord
will enter with me"
(Would you bow your heads)

Is Jesus Lord of your life? Do you love
Him more than anything or anybody?
Have you surrendered you all? With you.

6) Have you ever said "I will" and doubt?
Have you ever wondered if Jesus would accept
your apology? He sure will, if you'll
make a lasting commitment. Rededication
is the first step. It's saying to God,
oh God, I said I would in the past and doubt -
but today Lord I ~~over-~~ renounce, "I have people
too much to give them reasons to doubt"
From this day forward I'll not give them
reasons to doubt //

If you're loved, and you ^{are willing to} ~~need to~~ Rededicate
your life to Christ, and by doing so say to
your peers, I want God to use me as He will //
I won't ever let gods stand between God & me
I know when He says, you come, you be the
first to come share your commitment

One you know best? Let me tell you with all
sincerity, I love you too much to want to
see you spend eternity in hell, a place
the Bible calls "The Lake of Fire"

So I'd like to tell you how to be loved
Please listen carefully & allow the
Holy Spirit of God to speak to your
heart

Because God loved you so much He allowed Jesus to die for you - And Jesus loved you so much that He was willing to do it. ~~///~~ You can be saved if:

① you will admit that you are lost - if you will

② Admit that you need to be saved

③ If you will believe what we've said about Jesus - / you must believe

you must Confess your sins to God, and ask His forgiveness - And you must ask Jesus to come into your heart and save you -

And the Bible says: "God will save you"

The Bible also says when you are saved you should want everyone to know it - So we encourage you to come share the wonderful news with us - So we love before too.

Are you looking for a Church Home? Where Jesus is loved and every body is somebody?

If you feel led of the Lord, we would be so happy to receive you any way this body has agreed to do so - But First,

Let's Pray